

**2013-06-01 00:03:00**

*Private message to Barty Crouch, Jr: Urgent*

Sir,

I am writing to warn you that Dominic Selwyn is a traitor, and he is trying to kill you.




 **alt\_bill**

I was approached by him earlier this week, suggesting that he had me in mind for a promotion, and I met with him earlier today. He directed me to deliver a message to Parnassus Glendower that he said was meant to incite the man to try to kill you. I refused, and--and the bastard imperiused me.

I--I don't know what happened, but the compulsion just broke.

You need to find Selwyn. And stop him.



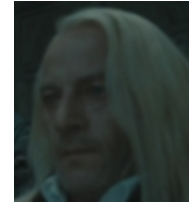
 **alt\_crouch\_jr** at **2013-06-01 18:16:32**  
(no subject)

Noted.

**2013-06-01 00:10:00**

*Private Message to Narcissa*

Our Lord is truly the greatest wizard of this or any age.



Shall be able to explain soon - at least I hope.  
Meanwhile, the most important points:

 **alt\_lucius**

1. Dominic Selwyn was responsible. No idea where Chloe has taken the children but should she contact you, you must alert Barty at once. At once.
2. It seems he had Obliviated me at least three times. Memories returned now.
3. Not quite safe to return to the Manor yet. Remain where you are with Rigel. Ought to be clear in time for Razzer's wedding
4. Have an errand to run at the Ministry, cannot wait until morning. Will let you know as soon as I have determined we are safe from any implications in Selwyn's treason.
5. Of the Council, trust only Barty, Tosha, Rod, Bella, Raz, Ari, myself. Unclear as yet who else was part of the plot. Selwyn can no longer answer, but he was raving toward the end. No idea what Our Lord may have seen in the wretch's thoughts.

Shall contact you when I have eliminated possibility he left any manufactured evidence to bring me down with him.



 **alt\_narcissa** at **2013-06-01 05:58:05**

*(no subject)*

Husband?

For a man who has met his 'end,' assuming I understand you correctly, Dominic seems to be uncommonly talented at writing.

Please take the utmost care, dearest.

**2013-06-01 00:20:00**

*Order Only: Private Message to Albus Dumbledore*



Albus.


Could you stop up to the hospital wing? I have Mr M- Potter here. He has information he wishes very much that we should hear, and he believes that he may require a pensieve to give us the thorough report he believes is necessary.

 **alt\_poppy**

If you would be so good?

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 **alt\_albus** at **2013-06-01 05:28:00**  
(no subject)

Under the extraordinary circumstances of tonight's events, Poppy, I quite concur. A Pensieve may be just the thing.

If Sirius wishes to provide Harry with a guard, as I well suspect might have been the topic of his message to you, I would be willing to help set up a charm that would warn him of anyone's approach other than yours, mine, Minerva's or Professor Sprout's.



 **alt\_poppy** at **2013-06-01 05:31:03**  
(no subject)

Excellent. Thank you, Albus.

(And I will see that Sirius knows.)

**2013-06-01 00:21:00**

*Private Message to Barty and Tosha*

Assume Chloe and the children were not in either the New London home nor the country house. Has Travers reported in from the mother's home? What does Guy say about their possible whereabouts?



 [alt\\_lucius](#)

Am on way back to Ministry. Tosha. Suspicions were correct - not shadows at all. Three approaches, all rebuffed, all resulting in an Obliviation. Damn him.

Going to check his office for any notes he might have left to fabricate my involvement beyond his attempts (which I denied him) to enlist me.

Have warned Narcissa not to aid Chloe if she comes there but to notify you, Barty, immediately. Also gave her short list of trusted brethren. Though truth be told the sight of Our Lord now, resurrected - Utterly unlike anything we have ever seen. Absolutely breathtaking.

Regroup at St James' in two hours? Or at yours, Bratka?



 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at **2013-06-01 04:50:39**

*(no subject)*

Nothing yet. Dammit.



 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at **2013-06-01 06:04:01**

*(no subject)*

What mischief is that?

A private message purporting to be from Selwyn?

To his wife. Dammit!

Where is she?



 **[alt\\_lucius](#)** at **[2013-06-01 06:13:03](#)**  
(no subject)

Who secured his journal? Blast and double-blast.  
Rookie mistake. We're all operating less than par.

Although truth be told, the adrenaline of seeing Him return to us shall stay with me for some time.



 **[alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#)** at **[2013-06-01 06:22:22](#)**  
(no subject)

Damn it!

Damn!

Private Message to Chloe: We're all in terrible danger, Chloe. Your current location is compromised -- no time to explain.

Bring the children, and come through the floo. Remember where we holidayed last summer, where Arista built the sand castle -- I'm waiting for you there. We'll go together to safety.

Who has that book, dammit?!



 **[alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#)** at **[2013-06-01 06:23:15](#)**  
(no subject)

Where did they holiday? Any idea?



 **[alt\\_lucius](#)** at **[2013-06-01 06:24:51](#)**  
(no subject)

Someone who had access to his diary. Have we dispensed with his clerk? Derrick, isn't it?

Will send Crispin back to Selwyn's office, this time to search out his recent holiday arrangements. Can have your choice of MLE there within ten minutes after finding the location.



 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at [2013-06-01 06:25:41](#)  
(no subject)

Already on it.

**2013-06-01 00:48:00**

*Order Only: Private Message to Remus and Poppy*



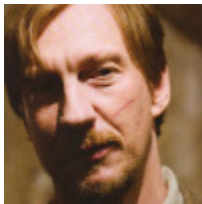
 [alt\\_sirius](#)


Lestrangle had better have been telling the truth. If any of those bastards have hurt one hair on Harry's head ....

Poppy, I don't suppose the Hospital Wing's empty except for Harry? Would anyone notice if a dog slept under his bed?

I don't guess that's a good idea.

Bugger.




 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-01 05:01:24](#)  
(no subject)

Padfoot, I hate to say this, but I think this would be a very bad time to risk you going to Hogwarts. At least until we know more clearly what's going on.

Poppy, Sprout, and Minerva will take care of him.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-01 05:05:27](#)  
(no subject)

Bloody hell, did you see what Dora just posted?

Voldemort's alive.

It shouldn't be that huge a shock, since I didn't exactly believe he was dead. But it was.

And Selwyn's dead, which under the circumstances also shouldn't be that surprising.

I think I need a drink.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-01 05:40:05](#)  
(no subject)

See? Albus thinks it's a good idea.

The Aldriches had a working Floo, didn't they? It can't be that far to the house from the barns.



 [alt\\_poppy](#) at [2013-06-01 05:36:26](#)  
(no subject)


Ah.

As it happens, he is here, yes. And I've been working to settle him a bit. We're having a discussion about sleep at the moment--well, at the moment, I've stepped aside to use my book and collect a dose of Dreamless Sleep, which I hope to persuade him to accept soon. First, however, he has insisted that he be allowed to make a full report to the Order of the Phoenix about what he witnessed tonight and has asked that a pensieve be brought to aid him.

Albus is on his way for that purpose--and has, apropos of nothing, offered that he believes Harry might be well-served by the comforting presence of a familiar, four-footed friend.

So do feel free to come. If you are careful on your way in, Albus promises to see to your security whilst you are with us.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-01 05:38:54](#)  
(no subject)

Right. Soon as I can find a Floo I'll be there.



**2013-06-01 00:52:00**

*Private message to Chloe*

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 [alt\\_selwyn](#)

**2013-06-01 09:59:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good - Private message to Harry and Hermione*



 [alt\\_draco](#)

We need to tell the others what happened. You need to.

Mind, I'm not entirely keen on the idea, because at least three of them will probably over-react in a variety of unhelpful ways. But...they need to know. Especially if they'll be at the wedding.

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 [alt\\_harry](#) at **2013-06-01 16:32:39**  
(no subject)

okay.



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at **2013-06-01 16:35:09**  
(no subject)

All of it or some of it? Because to understand what happened last night they need to know about how we thought he was dead, you know, and then to understand what happened to Mr Selwyn they need to know--and they need to know who was there, I suppose.

I'm sorry, Draco. I know it's hard to accept it, to see it for real like that, and not just the bits that your father wants you to see.

But you're right. We should tell them.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at **2013-06-01 16:40:17**  
(no subject)

Whatever they need to know, I suppose.

I'd rather see it in a pensieve than rely on Harry's account - he leaves things out. And there were things that I noticed, and you noticed, that he didn't. And he shouldn't have to be the only one to have seen it, you know?

That's why I made you watch. Sorry, but it was important.



 **[alt\\_hermione](#)** at **[2013-06-01 16:45:26](#)**  
(no subject)

No, it's good. I don't know why I--well, I mean, I *do* know why, I'm going to have nightmares for a while, I think, but you're right. And now we can think about what it all means.

Who was that man, for one thing? And why does he *look* like that now? Like a snake? Ugh.

And then what Harry said about watching it with Professor Brutka. What really happened?

I'm not sure we have any answers to any of it. I'm not even certain he does.



 **[alt\\_draco](#)** at **[2013-06-01 16:51:35](#)**  
(no subject)

You know, one thing that the Dark Arts books don't mention (nor does Professor Dolohov, for that matter) is how the rituals tend to utterly ruin one's physical attractiveness, after a time. Not that Auntie Bellatrix seemed to care, she was practically kissing the hem of his robes, even while bleeding.

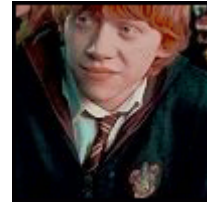
Being a snake suits him, really.

You don't always have nightmares? That's interesting.

**2013-06-01 10:08:00**

*Better than a Hogsmeade Day!*

Congratulations, Professor Raz, Professor Siz! Best wishes for everything!




 [alt\\_ron](#)

Say, who knows what time we're supposed to meet to go off to New London? Are we supposed to know where exactly it's being held? I haven't heard.

And, um. Does anyone have a spare set of shoe laces? I tried transfiguring some from other stuff, but they're just not right. (Someone other than Fred, George, or Lee. Ta, you. Your idea of what's dead hilarious seriously needs adjusting.)

Also. You know what is hilarious? That none of us can manage a polishing charm! I mean, really. We're through OWLs, you'd think we could dress ourselves! Not that we're actually getting dressed yet, but y'know. Getting all the stuff ready.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at **2013-06-01 16:12:20**

*Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*


Oh, say. Arista Selwyn! Any chance you're going to be there today? I hope so!

I'm bringing Satsuma along to say Hullo. He said it would be okay to shrink him down to fit in my pocket.

You'd think it's funny how hard it is for a bunch of blokes to get their clothes sorted for a posh occasion like this. I mean, it's almost as bad as the Yule ball!

Anywiz. I'll look out for you today. Hope your mum and dad let you come!




 [alt\\_selwyn](#) at **2013-06-02 01:46:26**

*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

Ron?

Ron can you see this?




 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 01:47:47](#)

*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

Arista?

Are you all right?



 [alt\\_selwyn](#) at [2013-06-02 01:48:54](#)

*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

No

I'm not

I'm really not

They've taken me to the Ministry and Ron I think they're going to kill me. And Hector.




 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 01:49:39](#)

*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

What?

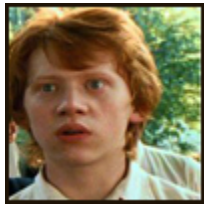
No, wait. Really?!



 [alt\\_selwyn](#) at [2013-06-02 01:49:25](#)

*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

I'm scared




 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 01:50:09](#)

*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

Merlin.

Arista? Who's there with you?



 **[alt\\_selwyn](#) at 2013-06-02 01:53:19**

*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

Hector.

Mummy was here but they took her away.



 **[alt\\_ron](#) at 2013-06-02 01:53:52**

*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

Who took her?

Do you know?




 **[alt\\_selwyn](#) at 2013-06-02 01:57:04**

*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

Mr Strangewheel.



 **[alt\\_ron](#) at 2013-06-02 02:00:45**

*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

Uh.

Wow.

Okay. Look. Be really quiet. And stay safe. And we're going to get someone to come find you. Just hang on, right?



 **[alt\\_selwyn](#) at 2013-06-02 02:02:22**

*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

REALLY?

Okay I will be really quiet.

Are you coming? Be careful I don't want Mr Strangewheel to get you either as he's horrible.



 **alt\_ron** at [2013-06-02 01:54:45](#)


*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

Are you sure you're in the Ministry?

Where in the Ministry?

MLE?

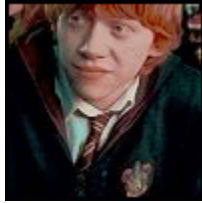


 **alt\_selwyn** at [2013-06-02 01:59:17](#)

*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

I don't know where we are I recognised the fountain when they took us in and no one helped even though I was screaming and now we're in a dark room and the door is locked.

Its not how I pictured MLE though since they have dungeons and this is just a room.



 **alt\_ron** at [2013-06-02 02:01:28](#)

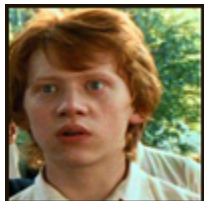
*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

Okay.

That helps.

You're going to be okay.

I promise.



 **alt\_ron** at [2013-06-02 01:56:46](#)

*Re: Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn*

Arista?!



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-01 16:14:13](#)

*Private Message to Seamus Finnigan*

If you even think about hexing my robes today, you'll regret it for a long, long time.

I promise you.



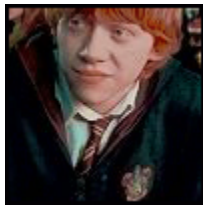
 [alt\\_seamus](#) at [2013-06-01 16:20:14](#)

*Re: Private Message to Seamus Finnigan*

I can't say as I've ever regretted hexing you, Weasley.

But I have too much respect for Professor Sinistra and Professor Lestrangle to let you go off to their wedding looking like someone's badly-dressed mudblood, so your robes are safe with me.

I even know a polishing charm, if you'd like it.

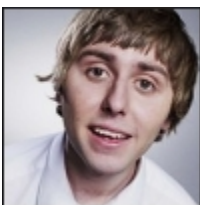


 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-01 16:43:36](#)

*Re: Private Message to Seamus Finnigan*

Ta, Finnigan.

I think I can manage.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-01 16:21:26](#)

*(no subject)*

Hullo, Ron,

And it's a lovely day, as well!

I've a spare pair of laces. They're a bit worn, off my old pair of shoes, but you're welcome to them, what. Are you hoping to polish your shoes? I've an excellent charm for that I could show you.


I believe we're meeting at four o'clock to use the Floo. (I expect there shall be a bit of sprucing up on the other side, what!)

It's far too nice to stay in all day. Anyone fancy a walk round the lake?



-Justin



 **[alt\\_ron](#) at 2013-06-01 16:46:06**  
(no subject)

That would be nift. About the laces and the polishing charm. Ta.

See you by the lake in a few, yeah?




 **[alt\\_cedric](#) at 2013-06-01 16:33:12**  
(no subject)

I'm looking for warding to seeing lots of familiar Hogwarts faces this evening.

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 **[alt\\_ron](#) at 2013-06-01 16:48:01**  
(no subject)

Cheers, Diggory.

You doing better, then? That's excellent news.

I heard-

I'll look for you!



 **[alt\\_cedric](#) at 2013-06-01 18:01:04**  
(no subject)

No dancing, no races, no fancy wand work. But I'll be there.

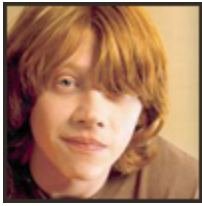
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 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-01 16:48:16](#)  
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Psst, look again at your invitation. It says now where we're going.

I heard they're flooing us? Or maybe it's a portkey? We're to meet in the entrance hall, anyway, and some grown up will get us there.

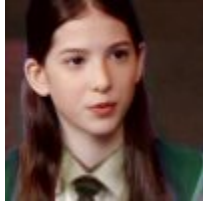


 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-01 16:52:48](#)  
(no subject)

Oh. That's a totally cool bit of magic, yeah? It didn't say anything before.

Huh. D'you think it was meant to be a surprise?


Or maybe they didn't know where it would be back when they ordered the invitations.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-01 17:03:42](#)  
(no subject)

It was probably a security thing? Loads of Councilwizards are coming, since it's Professor Lestrangle's wedding.




 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-01 17:09:26](#)  
(no subject)

Oh, yeah.

That makes sense.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-01 18:45:16](#)  
*Private Message to Arista and Mrs Selwyn*

Say, Arista.

—Ar— I—

I'm—

I was just wondering if you'd be going to Mr Lestrage and Miss Sinistra's wedding today. Only, I'm going to be there and I was hoping you would.

I hope you're having a nice day.

Erm. Yeah.

Satsuma says hi. He wants to know if you're okay.

Cause, um. He says it's been a long time since he saw you and he misses you.

**2013-06-01 11:49:00**

*Private message to Pansy*

I can't decide which shoes to wear, the pretty ones or the comfortable ones.


If I thought anyone was going to ask me to dance it would definitely be the comfortable ones. There's going to be dancing, right? There HAS to be dancing, it's a wedding!

I'll probably decide right before we go.




 **alt\_sally\_anne**



 **alt\_pansy** at **2013-06-01 17:15:26**  
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There will be dancing, I'm sure of it.

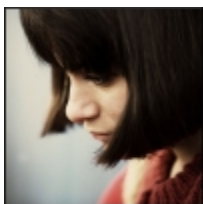



 **alt\_pansy** at **2013-06-01 17:15:51**  
*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Oh.

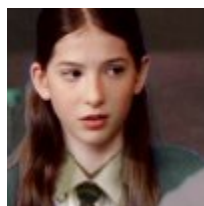
Oh.


Did you see what Harry wrote?



 **alt\_pansy** at **2013-06-01 17:17:25**  
*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

I'm still reading it through. I got sort of stuck on the third sentence.




 **alt\_sally\_anne** at **2013-06-01 17:25:09**  
*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Right.

Yes.

Comfortable shoes it is, then.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-01 17:28:34](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

I've decided that the entire month of May is utterly cursed and we ought to spend all of it locked in our rooms hiding under the beds.

But today is June, so we should be just fine.

I'm double-checking my bracelet just to make sure, though.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-01 20:41:36](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Yeah.

Gift: check

Dress robes: check

Wand: check

Wilderness survival gear: check

I wish we'd told Daphne.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-01 21:37:48](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

She'll be just mortified she forgot to bring a tent. It's the must-have accessory this season.

**[2013-06-01 12:40:00](#)**

*Order Only: The Clock*

Mr Crouch hasn't replied to Bill, but I simply couldn't bear it any more. So I nipped out to floo home--when Bill wasn't looking, I'll admit--to check the clock.



 [alt\\_molly](#)

The hand is now off 'Mortal Peril.' So there's that, at least.

I'm back at 12 Grimmauld Place. Just in case.


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 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-01 17:42:54](#)  
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I don't want him to go to the wedding.



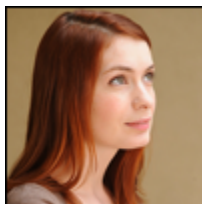
 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-01 17:43:40](#)  
(no subject)


I'm going. I told you. It would look more suspicious if I skipped it, and we need the gossip.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-01 17:45:20](#)  
(no subject)

And you're being hypocritical, Mum, to argue it'd be too big of a risk for me to go, when you took the risk of flooing home to the Burrow when my back was turned.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-01 17:46:42](#)  
(no subject)

I agree with Bill on this one, Molly. There'll be quite a few people on edge there, so if he's nervous it won't stand out at all.

And if Barty Crouch had his eyes set on Bill, that clock hand would still be on Mortal Peril, I have no doubt.



 [alt\\_severus](#) at [2013-06-01 17:54:16](#)  
(no subject)

Quite. Though Crouch is perfectly capable of changing his mind at a moment's notice. It is vital, however, that when engaged in subterfuge, one does not change one's behaviour from expected.

I suggest being exquisitely careful not to meet Bellatrix Lestrangle's eyes, however.



 [alt\\_poppy](#) at [2013-06-01 17:51:24](#)  
(no subject)

Well, that's a relief.

I suppose that's a family heirloom, that clock? I wonder if we could find someone able to make them now. It would be terribly useful to have such a thing to reassure us all when we have people off doing goodness knows what all over the place.



 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-01 17:59:05](#)  
(no subject)

I've got a feeling mine would get stuck on mortal peril out of principle.



 [alt\\_charlie](#) at [2013-06-01 18:15:39](#)  
(no subject)

Haven't you been in mortal peril for about as long as some of us have been alive?



 **[alt\\_frank](#)** at **[2013-06-01 18:20:41](#)**  
(no subject)


...probably.



 **[alt\\_nymphadora](#)** at **[2013-06-01 18:28:33](#)**  
(no subject)

It's what I appreciate most about this outfit:  
learning to manage mortal peril from the best of  
the best!



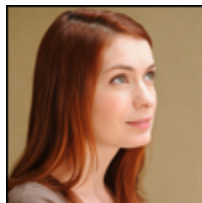
 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-01 18:34:54](#)**  
(no subject)


Frank's always been my model for cheating  
death.

Incidentally, I think we ought to try to get as  
many of us as can come this afternoon. After we square away  
our working relationship with the New Aldrich estate, we have  
loads to discuss.

Albus doesn't think he should leave Hogwarts but he and I  
talked a little bit while Harry was sleeping. We watched his  
memory again and - well.

We all need to talk. Urgently.



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-01 18:39:28](#)**  
(no subject)

Agreed.

Poppy, Pomona, Minerva, Bill, I'd imagine your  
attendance at the wedding is rather necessary.  
Everyone else who can possibly come to the farm should -- and  
those who weren't there yesterday can get let in properly,  
which would be a good idea.

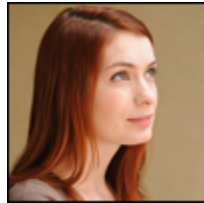
Severus, can you get away from Hogwarts?






 [alt\\_severus](#) at [2013-06-01 19:04:44](#)  
(no subject)

Unfortunately, I am one of the staff remaining at the castle to supervise those who will not be attending the wedding.




 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-01 19:09:46](#)  
*Private Message to Severus*

I see.

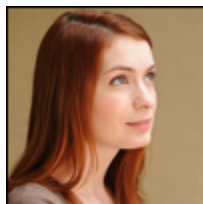
Have you had a chance to see Harry yet, Severus?




 [alt\\_severus](#) at [2013-06-01 19:46:19](#)  
*Re: Private Message to Severus*

I spent some time with him yesterday, but that was before the incident. We then spoke briefly this afternoon. He is in better shape than I would expect, but he is still painfully aware of the Prophecy and what it will require of him, and I suspect that in a day or so the true scope of what has happened will sink in.

We must be very careful neither to downplay his prophesied role, nor to place too much of an unconscionable burden on his shoulders alone. He is already far too used to the idea that no one will help him but himself, but likewise we must not cut him out entirely.

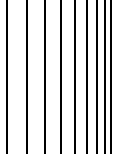


 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-01 21:40:11](#)  
*Re: Private Message to Severus*

I'm glad you've had the chance to see him.

I can only imagine what sort of burdens he's placed there himself, especially this past term.

I believe that once we formally induct him and the rest of his group to the Order, he'll feel a bit less alone in all of this, and we can work on solutions together.



It's all a bit overwhelming to think of -- but I ought to have known that defeating our dear Lord Protector would involve something a great deal more complex than simply killing him.

**2013-06-01 13:03:00**

*Private Message to B Lestrangle, L Malfoy*



Dead end.

PM lured CS to Clevedon. Floo records confirmed. Followed. Found scene.

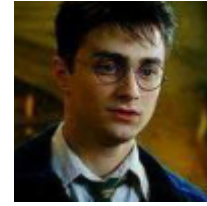
 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#)

Facts: Scene documents struggle. Was not friendly encounter. Small amounts blood, hair, other debris retrieved. Analysis suggests three bodies prone on floor for short period. Theory: assailant ambushed, but did not immediately overcome, duelled. Ultimately either killed or petrified victims. Exit: apparition. Floo records reveal no further transit.

File transferred to Desai. Imagine that's end of it.

**2013-06-01 13:04:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*



 [alt\\_harry](#)

Something happened yesterday. And it's important everyone know about it before the wedding.

Yesterday morning Raz told me that Voldemort had been assassinated. And that I needed to be careful, and not go outside or talk to anyone on the Council besides him, Mr Malfoy, or Professor Dolohov. And Hermione said the Order thought he'd been killed too, only they weren't sure, and that we needed to keep quiet about it.

And then last night Raz said we were going somewhere, only he didn't know what was going on, but he said it might not be for anything good, so to be ready, and he would be too, only he had to keep hold of my wand for me.

We went to a graveyard.

Okay. There was this ceremony thing and they had a lot of different things they put into a cauldron, and Director Selwyn was tied up and gagged and Mr Malfoy cut him with a knife and put the blood in there. And then they brought out this man and told him he had to remember to not resist and he opened his shirt and lay on the ground and they petrified him and someone cut out his heart and they put the heart in the cauldron and he died after a bit. And there was a boy there who was watching. Another boy, I mean. He looked at the man the whole time.

And then Bellatrix Lestrange cut off one of her fingers, and threw that in, and they put in a few other things and then Voldemort came out of the cauldron only he looked

Different

More different than usual.

Anyways. It was him. And he was alive. He walked up to Mr Drumgoole and killed him. And then he went over to Mr Selwyn and took off the gag and started using crucio on him over and over and every time he would stop Mr Selwyn would start screaming about how Voldemort was the real enemy and stuff like that, and then he stopped

being able to say much at all and then Voldemort killed him.


Then he turned to everyone and said how loyal Mrs LeStrange was, and then he said that everyone and their spouses needed to be at Buckingham on Sunday. And then Raz brought me back.

The Order knows. Some of them came to the infirmary last night and I told them everything I knew, and then they watched the memory in a Pensieve. And then Hermione and Draco saw the memory too. But the rest of you probably shouldn't.

Mr Selwyn is dead. And when they took his blood, they called it the blood of the enemy. I think maybe he was the one who tried to kill Voldemort. But I'm not sure.

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 **alt\_ron** at [2013-06-01 17:17:33](#)  
(no subject)

Wait. No.

Mr Selwyn?




 **alt\_sally\_anne** at [2013-06-01 17:27:18](#)  
(no subject)

Harry?

Why did they make you watch that? Why were you there?



 **alt\_ron** at [2013-06-01 17:28:16](#)  
(no subject)

yeah. that.

That's what I want to know.

Why did they make you be there?



 **[alt\\_harry](#)** at **[2013-06-01 17:31:23](#)**  
(no subject)


I don't know.

I thought they were going to make me be a part of it when they started cutting things out of people.

But they never did.


Raz didn't know either. I'm pretty sure he didn't. He looked pretty surprised by everything.



 **[alt\\_luna](#)** at **[2013-06-01 17:27:18](#)**  
(no subject)

Oh, Harry....



 **[alt\\_ron](#)** at **[2013-06-01 17:27:43](#)**  
(no subject)


Wow.

Listen, mate.

Are you all right?

I mean-




 **[alt\\_neville](#)** at **[2013-06-01 17:28:30](#)**  
(no subject)

I don't even know what to say. I can't imagine what to say.

But you're right. We needed to know.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-01 17:45:18](#)  
(no subject)

Harry,

I say, that's bally well frightful. All of it.

Perhaps we'd better all go somewhere outdoors, in the fresh air, so we can talk about it, what?

Are you unharmed? I suppose they wanted you to watch because...well, perhaps because you refused to participate last year?

I'd no idea wizards could bring people back from the dead. I say.

-Justin



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-01 17:50:20](#)  
(no subject)


I asked Mr Brutka

Mr Dumbledore

You know.

Anyways. He said that something called a horecrucks could do it. I've never heard of them before. And he didn't say anything about how they worked.




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-01 17:53:45](#)  
(no subject)

And yeah. Okay. We can go outside.

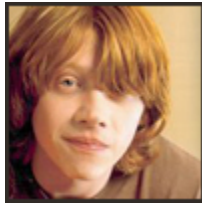
I guess it's important. To talk about. So we should.




 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-01 18:16:56](#)  
(no subject)

We're still getting ready.


And I know we're going to have to really talk about what happened, and what it all means, but I'm okay with waiting until after the wedding.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-01 18:23:45](#)  
(no subject)


Oh, just come out. It's not like you can't fix your hair charms after.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-01 18:30:28](#)  
(no subject)


You know nothing about hair charms, Ron Weasley.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-01 19:21:41](#)  
(no subject)

Granted.




 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-01 17:45:44](#)  
(no subject)

So, wait.

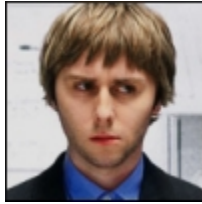
They're going to have to cancel the wedding, right?






 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-01 18:02:22](#)  
(no subject)

I'm pretty sure it's still going to happen. We might as well expect that it will.



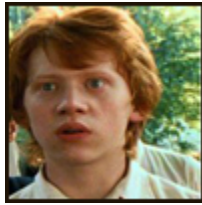
 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-01 18:15:53](#)  
(no subject)


Pansy,

I agree. After all, the location just appeared on the invitations, what? That suggests it's going forward.

I say, I imagine we might be able to observe some interactions the Order would find interesting or valuable, as well. Assuming everyone who's meant to be there attends.

-Justin



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-01 18:22:43](#)  
(no subject)

Yeah. That'll give us something to do, I guess.

Except I don't expect I'll know very many of the people there.

You might, though, yeah? And Harry will and Pansy. And Malfoy. So, yeah.

I can't imagine Siz wanting to get married today, though. After all that. Do you think she knows? I mean-

Ugh.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-01 18:29:08](#)

*Private Message to Ron and Harry*

I'm not sure how many will be in the mood to celebrate, that's true.

Hydra's going to have to see her parents. Her mother.

What do you suppose will happen to Mr Selwyn's family? Ron, you're pen-friends with his daughter, could you check on her, do you think?

-Justin



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-01 18:37:53](#)

*Re: Private Message to Ron and Harry*

I have done.

I mean, I wrote her a message this morning. Only, she hasn't answered.

Mind you, she doesn't usually answer very quickly.

Except. Rats. She probably won't see it cause I wrote her in her father's book. Should I write again and make the message to her mum and her this time?

Only, what would I say? I mean-

But, I guess I should.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-01 18:43:33](#)

*Re: Private Message to Ron and Harry*

If someone sees you write her lots it might look bad. So you'd have to be careful. And have a good reason.

Maybe once we get to the wedding you can write her one of the toy things that you write? Samosa, you know?



 **alt\_ron** at [2013-06-01 19:20:38](#)

*Re: Private Message to Ron and Harry*

Yeah.

Well. It may not've been clever, but I did write her again. I mean, it only says about the wedding and how I hope she'll be there. And that's

sort of horrible, y'know, for her to read now. But I guess not more than the first thing I wrote when I didn't know.

I just. I hope she writes. So we know she's okay.

I mean, not okay. No one's okay after their dad-

Wow. Sorry.

This whole thing is worse than anything, innit?



 **alt\_harry** at [2013-06-01 19:28:42](#)

*Re: Private Message to Ron and Harry*

yeah.

sorry, mate.



 **alt\_evelyn** at [2013-06-01 21:43:44](#)

*(no subject)*

I'm sorry, Harry. That sounds awful.

If we can sort out how he came back, we can sort out how to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Let us know what we can do.

**2013-06-01 13:10:00**

*Order Only: Private Message to Remus*

I know you told me to kip before the Order meets in full this afternoon but I can't.



Do you and Alice know how many are coming? We should really get everyone, if at all possible. There's a lot to discuss.

 [alt\\_sirius](#)


I'm so glad I went up there. Was there for him. Needed it, poor kid. They brought him to that ritual, made him watch that - made him think the whole time he might be next in the cauldron - and why? Albus said he had a theory but wasn't sure.

There's another thing. Surprised the pants off me - even Albus seemed not to have realised, either. I assumed they'd killed off all the royal family. I think he did, too. But ... that would explain loads about the wards, if they used royal blood to seal the spells.

Merlin. Horcruxes.

I think all we can do for now is focus on what else we can do to shore up our position while they all react to the news that their leader really *can't* be so easily deposed.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at **2013-06-01 20:28:10**  
(no subject)

Royal blood for one set of wards, Seamus Finnigan's mother for another.

I wonder...

Horcruxes. Ever heard of them before? Because I haven't.

**2013-06-01 14:00:00**

*Private Message to Razzer and Tosha*

All things considered, Raz, am grateful your festivities were planned for this late in the day.

And though it was far from the bachelor party we would have wished, nonetheless, all the best to you and Aurora.

See you shortly.



 **alt\_lucius**



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 **alt\_antonin** at **2013-06-01 18:11:53**  
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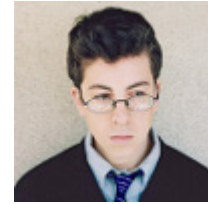
Yes, let us hope the day proves auspicious.

Raz, we will all do our utmost to ensure there will be no interruptions, or that if there are they will be dealt with swiftly and surely. At least until after the binding ceremony itself is completed!

**2013-06-01 17:21:00**

*Private Message to Miss Lavender Brown*

As promised, here is a description of Professor Siz' wedding dress. (I do so wish you could have attended, but alas. Though there are a few open chairs here and there, and one would think they could have squeezed you in with no trouble. Apparently a few people tendered regrets at the last moment.)



 **alt\_linus**

Well, it's white, and it sort of falls in swoops. I mean, it is basically columnar, except there are architectural details that involve quite lovely and graceful arithmantical curves from certain points of the dress. (I've been distracted several times wondering if one could work backward from the plotting to the equations, in fact.) She has no veil at all, neither short nor long, but instead is wearing a wreath of small stars. (Well, one could hardly have big stars, but you know what I mean.) And the dress is more swoopy in the back than in the front, but it isn't one of those big wedding dresses. It's rather the opposite of Karo's, in many ways. Karo looked like a triumphant princess. Professor Siz looks... like herself, only more so. Professor Raz is wearing extremely correct and elegant dress robes, ascot and all, and looks quite the thing.




 **alt\_linus** at **2013-06-02 00:14:23**

*(no subject)*

Also, it is proving to be a rather more exciting evening than planned, as the Lord Protector has just graced us with His presence!

I shall not attempt to describe His attire, if you don't mind, but will just say that His aspect is perhaps a bit more striking than usual.



 **alt\_linus** at **2013-06-02 01:19:18**

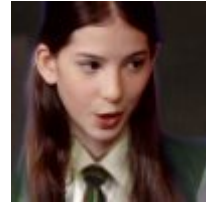
*(no subject)*

Considerably more striking, actually. And He seems more commanding than usual this evening, as well. Even those who have long worked with Him seem struck by His majesty. Mr Yaxley, for instance, looks positively awe-struck.

It is surely a mark of high favour for Him to look in on the wedding feast of our dear Professors.

**2013-06-01 17:34:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*



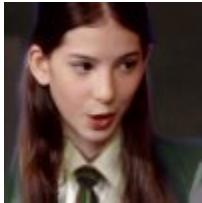
This is a delicious dinner.

I think Remy Jugson may be so intoxicated that he horks it up in the next hour, which will be quite a waste.

 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)

Honestly. Who smuggles in firewhiskey in a flask to a wedding? It's not THAT hard to nick some of the champagne.

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 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-01 22:40:54**

*Private message to Pansy*

So, you know how Sirius Black and Remus Lupin turned out to be a couple? But sitting together, I could tell SOMETHING was weird?

Have you noticed who's sitting by Remy Jugson?

OH AND THEY JUST GOT UP AND WENT SOMEWHERE TOGETHER. Seamus Finnigan and Remy Jugson, I mean. Like off to -- oh, never mind, I think Remy might need to go vomit, that's hardly romantic.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at **2013-06-02 01:13:00**

*Re: Private message to Pansy*

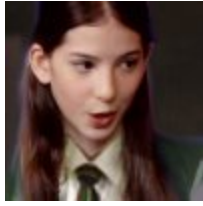
Really?

Really?

Finnicky?

No.





 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 01:33:01](#)

*Re: Private message to Pansy*

Oh yes. OH YES. You watch them for five minutes, you'll see the way they're looking at each other and you won't be able to deny it.

Frankly I would have thought Remy would have better taste.

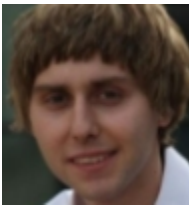


 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-01 23:12:21](#)

*(no subject)*

Jugson's a loon.

Food's good, though!



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-01 23:42:29](#)

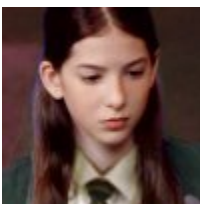
*(no subject)*

Hullo, Sally-Anne,

I say, I don't know what he was thinking. I've just seen Finnigan by the loo, waiting for a potion. He said he'd look after him.

Mr Yaxley looks like he wishes the bar were closer, what?

-Justin



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 00:03:13](#)

*(no subject)*

Harry's Father had a nose last time I saw him.

Didn't he? I'm not mis-remembering?

What on earth -- I mean how --

NO ONE SAID ANYTHING how long has he not had a nose, was it recent, like after he came out of the cauldron Harry mentioned last night? Harry was that what you meant by 'different,' like he HAS NO NOSE?




 **[alt\\_neville](#)** at **[2013-06-02 00:53:03](#)**  
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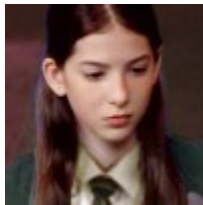
No nose. Wow.




 **[alt\\_neville](#)** at **[2013-06-02 00:54:11](#)**  
*Private message to Sally-Anne Perks*

Is Harry there? How can the poor bloke pretend to socialise at a wedding after what he went through last night?!

If he's there, does he seem to be holding together all right?

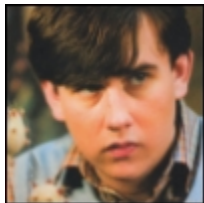



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-02 00:57:33](#)**  
*Re: Private message to Sally-Anne Perks*

Well you know I explained once that I am very good at putting things in different places mentally and saying what I'm supposed to say even if I feel very differently?

Harry is also very good at this.

So yes.




 **[alt\\_neville](#)** at **[2013-06-02 01:01:29](#)**  
*Re: Private message to Sally-Anne Perks*

Well, I'm glad he has friends there who know, anyway. And can support him, run interference and so on.

Keep an eye out for him. Well, I know you will, of course.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 00:54:27](#)  
(no subject)

Nev.

Seriously. It's the horrible.

I thought I was going to spew when I saw it. I mean.

He's left now, but people were just sort of... really quiet.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 00:58:32](#)  
(no subject)

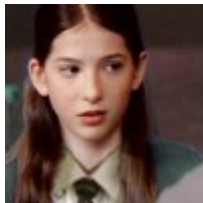
I heard some of the grownups saying he looks like a snake.


That's not really fair, though, because snakes are cute. I mean, they look like snakes are supposed to look. People shouldn't look like that.



 [alt\\_luna](#) at [2013-06-02 01:27:01](#)  
*Private message to Sally-Anne Perks*

I wonder if the people who tried to kill the Lord Protector had anything to do with the Rotnose Conspiracy.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 01:31:22](#)  
*Re: Private message to Sally-Anne Perks*

Er

I don't know. What is the Rotnose Conspiracy? I've never heard of it.




 [alt\\_luna](#) at [2013-06-02 01:37:48](#)  
*Re: Private message to Sally-Anne Perks*

It's main purpose seems to be to bring down the Ministry through a combination of Dark Magic and cursed flowers. If you smell the flowers, the curse travels from your nose to your brain and

then...well, it affects everyone differently. For some people, it kills them very slowly, and for others, it affects their judgement.

Which could explain quite a few things, I suppose.




 [alt\\_ron at 2013-06-02 01:12:11](#)  
*Private Message to Pansy and Sally Anne*

Huh.

Band's not bad.


And all the old people are out dancing. That's sort of- amusing.



 [alt\\_pansy at 2013-06-02 01:14:30](#)  
*Re: Private Message to Pansy and Sally Anne*

We could join them, you know




 [alt\\_ron at 2013-06-02 01:21:24](#)  
*Re: Private Message to Pansy and Sally Anne*

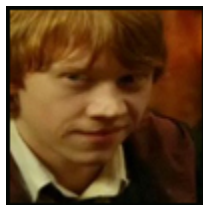
Um. Yeah, we could.


I mean, really? You want to dance?



 [alt\\_pansy at 2013-06-02 01:23:41](#)  
*Re: Private Message to Pansy and Sally Anne*

It's what one does at weddings, after all.




 [alt\\_ron at 2013-06-02 01:24:54](#)  
*Re: Private Message to Pansy and Sally Anne*

Oh.

Well, in that case...

Fisheye.



 **[alt\\_pansy](#) at 2013-06-02 01:25:51**

*Re: Private Message to Pansy and Sally Anne*

Tuna breath.

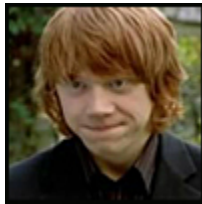
Save your energy. Sally-Anne needs a turn too.



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at 2013-06-02 01:29:52**

*Re: Private Message to Pansy and Sally Anne*

I'm back from the loo now if Pansy didn't completely exhaust you.



 **[alt\\_ron](#) at 2013-06-02 01:32:32**

*Re: Private Message to Pansy and Sally Anne*

Did you want some punch first, maybe?



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at 2013-06-02 01:34:00**

*Re: Private Message to Pansy and Sally Anne*

Okay. Were there orange slices on the table by the punch? I heard a rumour.



 **[alt\\_ron](#) at 2013-06-02 01:38:34**

*Re: Private Message to Pansy and Sally Anne*

If there are, I'll bring you one!

Or y'know, a plateful!

**2013-06-01 17:45:00**

*Private message to Remy*

For Merlin's sake, Remy! What were you thinking, downing all that firewhiskey before we'd even eaten?



 **alt\_seamus**

Mr Rosier said he'll send an elf back to get some of the potion but you need to NOT DRINK ANY MORE, like NOT EVEN CHAMPAGNE or you'll regret it, immediately. Just stay in the loo for now.

**2013-06-01 20:52:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*


Uh.

I really need everyone who's here at the wedding to come find Sally Anne, Pansy, and me. Right now. Out in the corridor around the corner from the witches' loo.

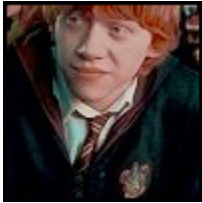



 [alt\\_ron](#)



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-02 02:04:34](#)  
(no subject)


Okay.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 02:06:17](#)  
(no subject)


Grab the rest of them, would you?



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-02 02:26:53](#)  
(no subject)


I've got Draco and Hermione with me. We're ready.



 [alt\\_luna](#) at [2013-06-02 02:05:40](#)  
(no subject)

Coming.




 **[alt\\_ron](#)** at **[2013-06-02 02:06:45](#)**  
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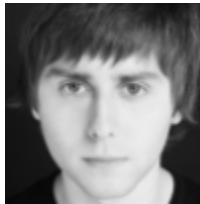
If you see F-F and Hydra, tell them.

Not sure if they're off snogging or what.



 **[alt\\_luna](#)** at **[2013-06-02 02:08:19](#)**  
(no subject)

I'll go find them.



 **[alt\\_justin](#)** at **[2013-06-02 02:08:20](#)**  
(no subject)

We're on our way. What's happened?

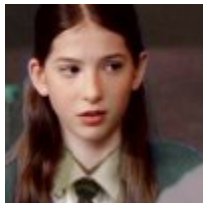


 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-02 02:12:01](#)**  
(no subject)

You know how Ron wrote to Arista Selwyn this morning?

Well she wrote back.

And she's in HORRIBLE trouble.




 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-02 02:13:23](#)**  
(no subject)

This is going to be really really really really really  
really  
really  
dangerous.

I hope everyone brought their mask and wore comfortable shoes.



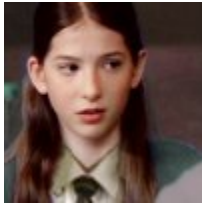


 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 02:14:54](#)  
(no subject)

Oh. Good point.

I've got my mask. That was really brilliant, actually, you thinking about those.

I'm not fussed about my shoes.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 02:10:53](#)  
(no subject)

I tried to get your brother but he is currently talking to Auror Crouch.

So the good news is, Auror Crouch is not currently at the Ministry. But the bad news is I couldn't get to Bill.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 02:13:05](#)  
(no subject)

Ok.

We go.

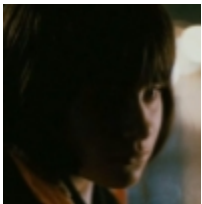
We can't wait for them, y'know?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 02:14:59](#)  
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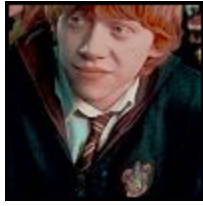
No.


I agree.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-02 02:13:23](#)  
(no subject)

And I can't find Madame P anywhere.



 **[alt\\_ron](#)** at **[2013-06-02 02:15:49](#)**  
(no subject)

It's okay. Just come back.

We'll just have to go ourselves.




 **[alt\\_harry](#)** at **[2013-06-02 02:17:58](#)**  
(no subject)

do you have her cat thing?

I can track her if you do.



 **[alt\\_ron](#)** at **[2013-06-02 02:19:10](#)**  
(no subject)

Oh.

Yeah, actually. I've got him here.

What are you going to do with it, though? I mean.

I think I want to give him back to Arista if I can. You know?




 **[alt\\_harry](#)** at **[2013-06-02 02:20:38](#)**  
(no subject)

There's a spell. She told it to me at this party when she lost herself.

Anyways. I know how to use the cat thing to find her.



 **[alt\\_ron](#)** at **[2013-06-02 02:22:57](#)**  
(no subject)

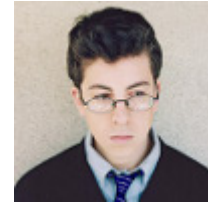
Right.

Okay.

Let's get it done, then.

**2013-06-01 21:33:00**

*A most splendid celebration of a happy event*



 [alt\\_linus](#)

Really, I must say that the gathering here is as glittering as the stars in Professor Siz' crown. The attendees do honour to our two Professors.

Lav, I hope you don't mind, but I may just ask Miss Parkinson for a twirl on the dance floor when she returns from getting a glass of punch. Strictly a friendly dance, of course, but the music seems too utterly enchanting to resist.

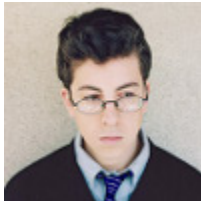
Cedric, have you seen the splendid Quidditch stadium that's charmed to reply some of Professor Raz' games? Harry just remarked upon it, and I must say I agree with him totally that it's absolutely wiz-nift.



 [alt\\_seamus](#) at **2013-06-02 02:41:13**

*(no subject)*

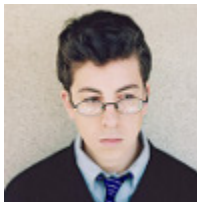
Bad enough she wasn't invited to the wedding, now you're dancing with other girls? You cad, Moon.



 [alt\\_linus](#) at **2013-06-02 02:46:20**

*(no subject)*

Finnegan, I grieve for you if the ladies of your acquaintance are not as secure in the knowledge of their powers of fascination as Miss Brown surely is.




 [alt\\_linus](#) at **2013-06-02 03:04:51**

*(no subject)*


And Ron, may I just say that your commentary on Quidditch Keeper performance in stressful end-of-game situations has given me new insight which may prove quite fruitful when applied in my next set of statistical investigations of performance interactions. We shall have to discuss the Cannons at length when there is leisure.



 [alt\\_linus](#) at [2013-06-02 03:34:03](#)  
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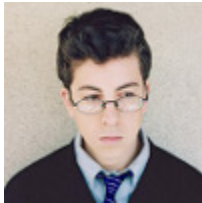
Cedric, Katie, would you care for some punch? I was just about to fetch some for Misses Parkinson and Lestrange.




 [alt\\_cedric](#) at [2013-06-02 03:38:05](#)  
(no subject)

I need a sit down, punch'd be wonderful.

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 [alt\\_linus](#) at [2013-06-02 04:15:18](#)  
(no subject)

Well, I must say I cannot remember when I've had such a pleasant evening with both celebration and relaxing conviviality. Professors Raz and Siz certainly know how to do things up proper, as the saying goes.

**2013-06-01 21:44:00**

*Congratulations, Aurora, Rabastan*

This has been a truly lovely celebration. I thank you heartily for including me in your special hours, and I wish you every good thing--health, comfort, security, love, the blessings of family, and a most amiable partnership--for all the long years ahead.



 **alt\_poppy**

I apologise for my early departure, and for leaving without thanking you in person, but I do look forward to offering all these wishes properly when I see you next.



 **alt\_sinistra** at **2013-06-02 05:08:00**

*Private message to Poppy*

Thank you, Poppy. (From both of us. Just waiting on Raz to get out of a last conversation.)

I'm so very glad you got to come at all, and it was so very good to know you were there. Steadying. And your good wishes matter a great deal to me.

We'll be back sometime tomorrow. ~~I hope~~ Our presence is required at Court in the morning (not just us). And we'll see from there.

The binding charms - I'm glad we chose what we did. Thank you for your help there, too.

Oh. Later. Before anyone else wants just one more word with him.

**2013-06-01 22:13:00**

*Private Message to A Dolohov*

Batya? Where are you?

Alarm at DoM.

Fancy a bit of an after supper hunt?



 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#)



 [alt\\_antonin](#) at **2013-06-02 03:14:47**

*(no subject)*

Yes.

Where should we meet?



 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at **2013-06-02 03:15:59**

*(no subject)*

By Gog and Magog.

Will wait for you.



 [alt\\_antonin](#) at **2013-06-02 03:17:53**

*(no subject)*

Will not bother making my excuses -- if this is nothing I do not wish to have disturbed the newlyweds; if it is something, let them have their last moments of peace.

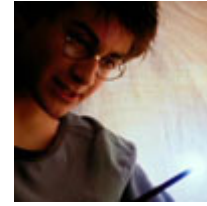
On my way.

**2013-06-01 22:14:00**

*Private Message to Cedric and Katie*

Nice wedding so far, yeah?

The food is good.



 [alt\\_harry](#)



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-02 02:16:50](#)

*(no subject)*

Look.

No time.

Some of us have to do something coin-related.

Cover? See if Linus Moon will help. You just saw us a minute ago for as long as it takes, yeah?

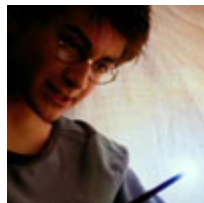
It's important.



 [alt\\_cedric](#) at [2013-06-02 02:20:59](#)

*(no subject)*

**Of course. I just saw you, or whoever's asked about. you were talking about a walk. Good luck.**



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-02 02:22:16](#)

*(no subject)*

Thanks.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-02 02:21:35](#)  
(no subject)

And Katie

for what it's worth

I'm sorry. This term

yeah.

later, okay?



 [alt\\_cedric](#) at [2013-06-02 02:23:10](#)  
(no subject)

**KB come take my other arm so  
I can stump around the room  
even if I can't dance and you  
aren't unescorted.**



**2013-06-01 22:17:00**

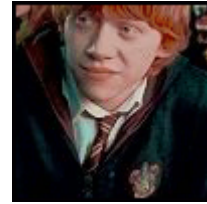
*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Okay!

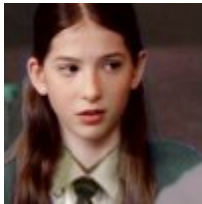
Luna and I've found them. Arista and Hector.

They're here and all right, but I could use some help.  
There's binding magic holding them in here.

We're near the room with all the clocks in. You go through there,  
yeah?



 [alt\\_ron](#)




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-02 03:21:00**  
(no subject)

I'm all turned around. I remember the clocks but it's  
not --

this is really confusing.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at **2013-06-02 03:23:03**  
(no subject)

Can you hear us?

Just follow the sound.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-02 03:23:55**  
(no subject)

Oh yeah, I do hear you.

Okay. That's really odd, I could have sworn --  
whatever. I'm coming.



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at **2013-06-02 03:24:50**  
(no subject)


No, you're right there is someth



 **[alt\\_harry](#)** at **[2013-06-02 03:26:25](#)**  
(no subject)


Hermione?



 **[alt\\_luna](#)** at **[2013-06-02 03:28:06](#)**  
(no subject)

Hermione!




 **[alt\\_luna](#)** at **[2013-06-02 03:21:45](#)**  
(no subject)

They were really glad to see us, but they're anxious to get out here.

Please hurry.



 **[alt\\_luna](#)** at **[2013-06-02 03:26:46](#)**  
(no subject)

Arista also said her mum's here somewhere. She doesn't want to leave without her. And we have no idea where she is.




 **[alt\\_hermione](#)** at **[2013-06-02 03:22:18](#)**  
(no subject)

The doors just changed all round again.


But it's the one I marked with Raido.



 **[alt\\_pansy](#)** at **[2013-06-02 03:23:09](#)**  
(no subject)

Okay.




 **[alt\\_ron](#)** at **[2013-06-02 03:24:38](#)**  
(no subject)

It's okay, Hermione.

Everything's all connected in here. They don't have to go back to that chamber with the doors.

Just, um, stay there, though. In case we can't find our way out again. We may need you opening those doors to find us in the end.



 **[alt\\_ron](#)** at **[2013-06-02 03:29:03](#)**  
(no subject)

Er.

What was that?

Run!

**2013-06-01 22:29:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To  
No Good*



RUN

 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)

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 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 03:33:00](#)  
(no subject)

Pansy and I have Hector  
we're under Harry's cloak

it's Professor Dolohov

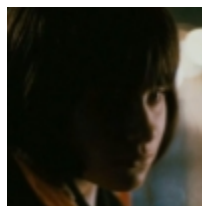
and Auror Crouch is here, too




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 03:33:43](#)  
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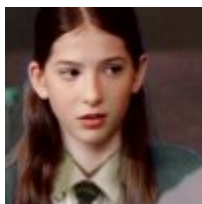
Please just get away if you can  
Don't come back for us, we'll keep hiding

oh god I hear someone screaming



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-02 03:35:37](#)  
(no subject)

and whispering  
lots of whispering



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 03:37:42](#)  
(no subject)

don't worry about the whispering the whispering  
isn't what we have to worry about



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 03:37:12](#)

*Private message to Ron*

Did you get out

Did you and Arista get out

Please tell me you did




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 03:38:02](#)

*Re: Private message to Ron*

and DON'T COME BACK IN HERE

we're going to get out somehow I promise



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 03:46:29](#)

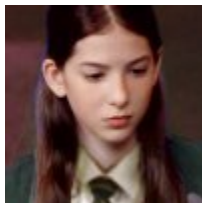
*Re: Private message to Ron*

I've got her.

We're hiding in the room with the planets. And we're not moving from here until we can tell where

Dolohov and Crouch are.

Or aren't.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 03:47:47](#)

*Re: Private message to Ron*

Ron if we don't get out of this



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 03:48:06](#)

*Re: Private message to Ron*

I want you to know that I meant it

Kissing you, I mean



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-02 03:39:24](#)  
(no subject)

found mrs s  
not good


dracos working on



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 03:45:34](#)  
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Dolohov did something to Hydra, I'm not sure what but she's on the ground and when she tried to get up she -- it sounded like it hurt.

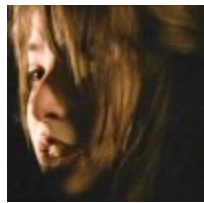


 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 03:45:56](#)  
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JUSTIN BE CAREFUL

I know you're not reading this

but



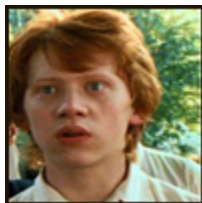
 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 03:47:02](#)  
(no subject)


Justin's on the ground

WHY ISN'T HE TAKING ANYONE'S WAND

He's just leaving everyone once he

it's like he knows



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 03:48:16](#)  
(no subject)

Are they alive?

Sally Anne. What's happened to Justin and Hydra?!

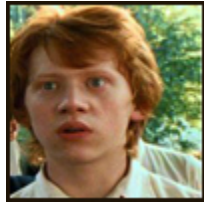



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 03:49:28](#)  
(no subject)

They're on the floor.

Hydra's alive, she actually just tried again to hex Dolohov.

Justin's alive. He's screaming. Not like cruciatus. It's different. I don't know know. He's alive.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 03:52:40](#)  
(no subject)

Oh.

Merlin.

Where are you again?

**2013-06-01 22:50:00**

*Private Message to Barty*

Where are you? Are you all right? I was hit, but not badly.



Continue to immobilize any intruders you come across so as to save them for questioning -- something is very strange here.

 [alt\\_antonin](#)

I have not coaxed this fucking warren to cough up a corridor to the room where the Octoboros is kept; I am in the room of whispers now. Have you managed to check in on it?

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 [alt\\_antonin](#) at **2013-06-02 03:58:31**  
(no subject)

....One of them just tried to PETRIFY me.

PETRIFY ME.




 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at **2013-06-02 04:02:01**  
(no subject)

Amusing yourself?

Who are these loons?

I beat two of them off without breaking sweat.



 [alt\\_antonin](#) at **2013-06-02 04:04:15**  
(no subject)

I have no idea, but this is getting ridiculous.





 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at [2013-06-02 04:10:34](#)  
(no subject)

Batya.

Not what we thought. Not Octoboros.

Selwyn's sprogs are here. Somewhere. I'm coming to you. Stay put.



 [alt\\_antonin](#) at [2013-06-02 04:13:17](#)  
(no subject)

Gods of my mothers. That explains

Get here quickly.



 [alt\\_antonin](#) at [2013-06-02 04:14:56](#)  
(no subject)

Do not stop to duel anyone else.




 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at [2013-06-02 04:16:43](#)  
(no subject)

...

Spoilsport.



 [alt\\_antonin](#) at [2013-06-02 04:19:02](#)  
(no subject)

I will take you out for sport later.



 **[alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#)** at **[2013-06-02 03:58:40](#)**  
(no subject)

Found something more interesting.

Chloe Selwyn's here. And some most peculiar apparatus. Am working on it.

Don't come. Will let you know when I'm finished here.

You don't need me, do you?



 **[alt\\_antonin](#)** at **[2013-06-02 04:05:36](#)**  
(no subject)

Do you want me to come and take a look? Would be much more interesting than picking off these amateurs.

**2013-06-01 23:46:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

not good

Dracos vomming

lots

crouch.

found mrs selwyn shes nearly dead and crouch chased us off.

Hermione?

Ron?

Check in everyone.



 [alt\\_harry](#)




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 03:51:54](#)  
(no subject)

We're under the cloak. Me, Pansy, Hector.

Dolohov's coming back in.

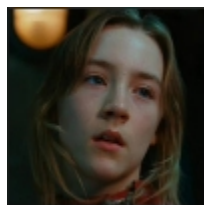
I think




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-02 03:53:00](#)  
(no subject)

perks where are you? you can see justin and hydra

where are you?



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-02 03:54:48](#)  
(no subject)

He's not hurt. He's not bleeding or anything. But he can't see me or feel me. Or hear anything.


Writing hurts, Harry.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-02 03:56:03](#)  
(no subject)


WHERE ARE YOU I CAN'T FIND YOU



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-02 03:58:43](#)  
(no subject)

we're in the room with the veil and the whispers  
and sally-anne is bleeding and I can't move until  
he's gone and she's bleeding




 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-02 04:00:01](#)  
(no subject)

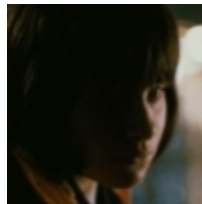
hes gone


oh god harry sally anne



 [alt\\_luna](#) at [2013-06-02 04:02:07](#)  
(no subject)


Do you have dittany!? In your bracelet! Dump it  
on her; it's treatment for cuts and splinching!



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-02 04:02:57](#)  
(no subject)

she has some in hers but it's so small and blood  
is slippery

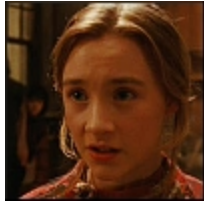



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 04:24:30](#)  
(no subject)

Pansy.

What's wrong with her?

Is she all right?



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-02 04:05:04](#)  
(no subject)

We're in a room with a giant bell jar and all sorts of time turners.

It feels like my fingers are broken.

Justin's still screaming. I can't make him stop.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 03:54:08](#)  
(no subject)

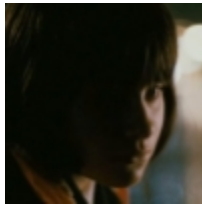
I think he heard us


Pansy, stay where you are. Take care of Hector.



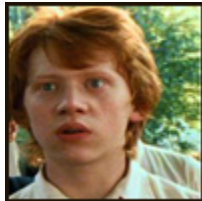
 [alt\\_luna](#) at [2013-06-02 03:56:41](#)  
(no subject)


Stay under the cloak!



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-02 03:57:58](#)  
(no subject)

NO NO NO NO NO




 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 04:05:29](#)  
(no subject)

Wait.

What's happened????




 **[alt\\_ron](#)** at **[2013-06-02 03:55:20](#)**  
(no subject)

We're okay.

Hiding.



 **[alt\\_luna](#)** at **[2013-06-02 03:56:07](#)**  
(no subject)

Ron and I are with Arista in the planet room. Hiding until coast is clear.

**2013-06-02 00:01:00**

*Private message to Padma*


Well, that was a really nice party, don't you think? Food, dancing, interesting company...



 **alt\_seamus**



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 **alt\_padma** at **2013-06-02 05:06:06**

*(no subject)*

You're lucky your company didn't ruin your robes.

I would have thought we'd see more of us dancing. I suppose Lestrangle and F-F were clever enough not to dance in front of her parents.

(Speaking of her parents, did you notice? Auror Lestrangle had a bandage where she used to have a ring finger.)

[2013-06-02 00:06:00](#)

*Order Only*

Right, so I imagine after Hermione's latest everyone wants an update.



 [alt\\_lupin](#)

Apparently Arista Selwyn wrote to Ron from her father's diary earlier this evening, telling him that she was being held prisoner somewhere in the Ministry. Ron promptly rounded up the bulk of the Institute from Aurora Sinistra and Rabastan Lestrangle's wedding, and after a cursory attempt at finding an Order member (there were several present; apparently every single one was either hiding in the loo, or deep in conversation with Death Eaters) they decided this couldn't possibly wait and took off en masse by floo to break in to the Department of Mysteries. Disguised with masks left over from the Halloween party at Hogwarts last autumn.

It's worth noting that at some point in the last few weeks, Dominic Selwyn gave Arista a necklace with a tiny bottle and instructions to drink the contents if she were to find herself 'in the very worst possible trouble.' I think we can safely assume, both from those instructions and the results, that the bottle contained Felix Felicis.

In any case, after successfully breaking in, they were pursued by Antonin Dolohov and Barty Crouch, who -- doubtless due to the benevolent influence of Arista's potion -- focused on subduing the miscreants rather than killing or permanently maiming them (though Sally-Anne Perks came rather close to one or the other. Poppy expects her to recover.)

Having subdued all but a handful that managed to remain hidden, Crouch and Dolohov killed Chloe Selwyn and then inexplicably left, at which point our young friends bolted for the floo, where they took the precaution of flooing to a nearby corner and not straight here.

Hermione, does that basically cover it? I suppose I could list out precisely who went and precisely what Dolohov cast on each, if anyone's wondering.

Arista Selwyn, age nine, and Hector Selwyn, age three, are now in the custody of the Order. We're going to take them to 12GP for the night, rather than rousing Arabella. I don't expect anyone will object to



bringing them to Moddey, despite -- well. Yes. They are innocent children, and deserve as much protection and care as any other.

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 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-02 05:21:27](#)**  
(no subject)

That's - a lot of information.

Is Harry all right? Will they all be at Grimmauld or are they going back to school tonight?

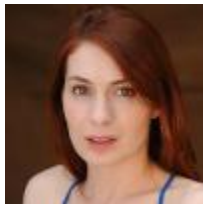



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-02 05:23:12](#)**  
(no subject)

I hope he's still stinging from a rather stern talking-to, but he is otherwise fine.

I have no doubt that had Arista not used the Felix, we would be having a very different conversation.

They're going back to school tonight.



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-02 18:10:41](#)**  
*Re: Private Message to Hermione Granger and Harry Potter*

Hermione. I am still not comprehending in the least why you decided not to make more than a token effort to let us know what was happening until all was said and done.

From what you've said, if they hadn't lifted the spells... and even then, no word?

This is a severe misjudgment on your part, and I expected better of you.

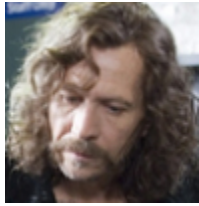
And I want to know more about this machine, and everything you know about Strangeweale. Which you should have passed along when you first discovered it.




 **[alt\\_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-02 05:23:21](#)**  
(no subject)

They need to go back to school.

Harry is uninjured but I think it may be starting to sink in just how badly this particular project might have gone wrong. And how serious the consequences would have been for his friends.




 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-02 05:25:12](#)**  
*Private Message to Moony*

After what he went through last night, and being helpless to stop any of it, I can't blame him for wanting to take definitive action.

But yes, he ought to have contacted us. To help.



 **[alt\\_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-02 05:29:09](#)**  
*Re: Private Message to Moony*

YES.

They went charging into the Ministry with no idea of where she actually was. She might have been in an MLE dungeon, and THEN what? She had a bracelet that let them track her. Which they conscientiously left behind, because THAT is the sort of thing they will think of every time EVEN IF IT DOESN'T OCCUR TO THEM TO CALL THE ORDER.

Did they think we would just leave her there?

Did HERMIONE think we would just leave her there? Arista Selwyn, I mean. Because she was the child of our enemy? A nine-year-old girl?




 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at [2013-06-02 05:32:51](#)  
(no subject)

I have a hunch we'll be having a very detailed post-mortem.

VERY detailed.

Thank goodness there was not any, er, mortems, post, though. So to speak.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-02 05:39:17](#)  
(no subject)

So there's a last detail of some importance.


Arista Selwyn is drinking hot cocoa at the 12GP kitchen table at the moment, just so you know, and talking to me and Dora.

She says that the reason she was down there is that Strangeweal and some butchers who work for him have been building an apparatus designed to create, apparently, a potion of youth.

It works by killing children. Magical children. Distilling their magic into an essence that can be drunk.

So that's what the Institute saved Arista and Hector from.




 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-02 05:44:07](#)  
(no subject)

Mercy.

Oh, those poor children...losing both their parents so brutally.

And oh, my goodness. Dominic Selwyn was--well, he was what he was. But because Arthur saved him, he was nothing but kind to our family.



 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-02 06:05:39](#)**  
(no subject)

Right. Have they gone back, then?

Because I'm done in but if I come home and Harry's still there, well.



 **[alt\\_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-02 06:14:01](#)**  
(no subject)

Harry's gone back to Hogwarts. The Hogwarts students have all gone.

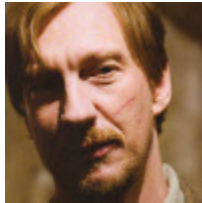
Arista and Hector are sharing a bedroom tonight.  
Alice is staying with them.




 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-02 06:16:59](#)**  
(no subject)

Right. Grimmauld then? I'll be there in a tick.

Merlin, what a long few days this has been.

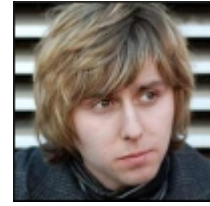


 **[alt\\_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-02 06:22:48](#)**  
(no subject)

Yes, come home.

**2013-06-02 00:22:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good*



 [alt\\_justin](#)

Hello,

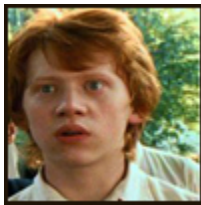
I'm all right now. I don't know what happened; I couldn't see or hear or feel anything at all. Hydra says I was screaming and kicking and punching, what, but I couldn't even tell.


Only it just suddenly stopped. Hydra's as well.

I ran out to the main corridor and saw Professor Dolohov and Auror Crouch getting in the lift. Perhaps they've decided to alert others.

I think we'd best go as quickly as possible, what? What if they're in the foyer?

-Justin




 [alt\\_ron](#) at **2013-06-02 04:26:00**  
(no subject)

They're gone?

Really?



 [alt\\_justin](#) at **2013-06-02 04:29:53**  
(no subject)

Yes, Ron. I say, they just climbed into the lift as if they'd just been shopping for a new set of robes, what? The doors were just closing.

I think they must have thought they'd bally well seen to all of us. But the spells on Hydra and me simply vanished. I don't understand it but I say, it can't bode well for any of us.

I'm worried they've decided to come back with more help or else to lie in wait in case we try to escape. But we've no choice, have we?

I say, is Draco all right as well? I know Sally-Anne's still hurt.

-Justin




 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-02 04:35:37](#)  
(no subject)

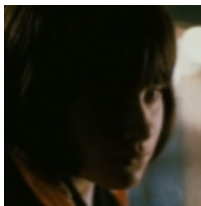
Draco's still vomiting. I'm worried he'll get dehydrated. I've given him one of Madam Pomfrey's remedies.


No one else is hurt. I'm still sticky but that's a long story.



 [alt\\_luna](#) at [2013-06-02 04:42:27](#)  
(no subject)

Sally-Anne really can't walk very well.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-02 04:26:16](#)  
(no subject)

Harry took off for Mrs Selwyn.




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-02 04:32:27](#)  
(no subject)

she's dead.

I smashed the machine.

let's get out of here.



 [alt\\_luna](#) at [2013-06-02 04:26:44](#)  
(no subject)

Oh, thank goodness. We're coming, with Arista.

She is still asking about her mum. She's so frightened.

**2013-06-02 00:36:00**

*Order Only: Madam Pomfrey and  
Tonks and Mr Lupin*



 [alt\\_hermione](#)


We're bringing some people to Laszlo's. Two are hurt. And two are little children.

We need to Floo. We'll go to the next grate up the line--Tonks, you said that was Coolidge Lane, right?--and we'll come from there.

Please let us in through the shop. All right?

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 [alt\\_lupin](#) at **2013-06-02 04:46:51**  
(no subject)

What on earth --

I'm on my way back there right now. I could come meet you -- where are you? if people need to be moved. We could do side-along, it might be faster than floo.

How bad are the injuries?



 [alt\\_alice](#) at **2013-06-02 04:48:46**  
(no subject)

Sending a patronus to Poppy.

Severus, if you see this, fetch her right away.

Merlin.



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at **2013-06-02 04:49:05**  
(no subject)

You can't Apparate where we are. Floo's the best way.

One's injured badly but we've staunched the bleeding. The other's nearly done vomiting. I think.



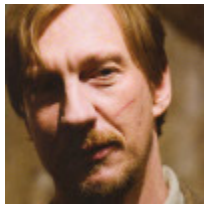
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WHERE ARE YOU?



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-02 04:53:24](#)  
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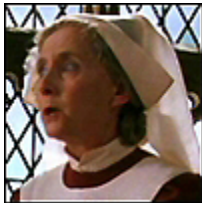
We're at the door. Ellie's letting us in.




 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-02 04:55:02](#)  
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You know perfectly well that's not what I meant.


We'll discuss this in person.



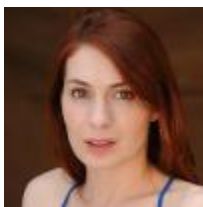
 [alt\\_poppy](#) at [2013-06-02 04:50:06](#)  
(no subject)


What's this?



 [alt\\_poppy](#) at [2013-06-02 04:50:27](#)  
(no subject)

On my way.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-02 04:51:07](#)  
(no subject)

Hurry, Poppy.



[2013-06-02 01:00:00](#)


(no subject)

It was a great party. I'm done in.



 [alt\\_harry](#)



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-02 05:02:23](#)

*Private Message to Cedric*

we're okay.

Thanks.



 [alt\\_cedric](#) at [2013-06-02 14:47:53](#)

*Re: Private Message to Cedric*

**~~I fell down tw~~After stumbling, we decided it was probably time for me to go home. LM + KB helped me floo out. Whenever you can come by this summer you are invited. Just let me know so Mum doesn't go spare having Harry Marvolo step out of the floo.**

**~~I'm still so tired~~**




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-02 18:06:27](#)

*Re: Private Message to Cedric*

I'm going to try and come by as soon as I can. I'll let you know. I'm sorry we couldn't talk properly at the wedding, but it was good to see you.


Really good.



 **[alt\\_luna](#)** at **[2013-06-02 05:03:47](#)**  
(no subject)

I'm sure I'll remember this evening for a long, long time!




 **[alt\\_pansy](#)** at **[2013-06-02 05:04:38](#)**  
(no subject)

Yes.


Thanks for the dance, Lines.



 **[alt\\_linus](#)** at **[2013-06-02 05:06:20](#)**  
(no subject)

It was my honour, Miss Parkinson.



 **[alt\\_justin](#)** at **[2013-06-02 05:08:22](#)**  
(no subject)

Harry,

Indeed, on both counts! Smashing event, and hearty congratulations to both Professors!

I say, it was most kind of them to include all of the CCF, wasn't it?

-Justin

**2013-06-02 01:14:00**

*Private Message to Barty*

Were you aware there is a body down here that looks precisely like you? I came across it while trying to find my way back to Chloe. If we are not willing to leave her here for the vultures to pick her over, I would think the same of any copy of you, whether simulacrum or something more sinister; unless you tell me otherwise, I will be bringing it with me as well.



 **alt\_antonin**

Meanwhile, I have taken care of our intruders. Have you found anything of interest upstairs?

Either way, I think the majority of our work here is done. Rendezvous back at our house; I would rather go over what we have discovered tonight, while things are still fresh in our minds.



 **alt\_crouch\_jr** at **2013-06-02 07:07:18**  
(no subject)

Sidetracked by a small investigation. (Not enough of the hunt in tonight's business.)

Will join you soon.

By the way, that's Mother you've found. Thanks for retrieving her. Bale has kept her as a trophy for long enough.



 **alt\_antonin** at **2013-06-02 17:37:28**  
(no subject)

He did WHAT?

~~But that means she has not been given the proper rites to~~

~~But that means her souls have been kept from~~

~~Preserving her body may be right and proper, but not as transformed into someone~~

~~I have had absolutely fucking enough this week of finding that people have been desecrating the~~

We should speak about this. I am horrified that she has gone so long without proper burial; as she is the mother of my son, though not in the usual way that one might mean that, she should be granted all honours, even if we must do so while she is embodied as you.

(Which is more than a bit disturbing.)

**2013-06-02 09:03:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good:  
Private Message to Sally-Anne Perks*



 [alt\\_luna](#)

I saw what happened. The kiss, right before we all stepped into the floo at the wedding reception. I think it's quite a good idea, and I've been rather waiting for it to happen for a while.

I hope Ron thought it was a good idea, too. Although he may have been taken a bit more by surprise? Boys sometimes can be a little dense about figuring out that a girl likes them.

Are you feeling better today? Madam Pomfrey is very good, isn't she, so I hope there won't be any scars?

I think we should all carry dittany in our bracelets. And it was very clever of Hermione to slap on some of that leftover spider web that Professor Dolohov used to immobilize her on the cuts. It's very good stuff to stop bleeding.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-02 15:22:02**  
(no subject)

I feel like maybe I got stepped on by a very large dragon. Or by several very large dragons.

I'm alive, though, which is better than I was sort of expecting at certain points yesterday.

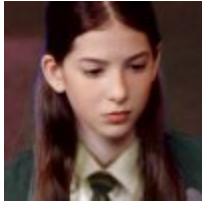
I'm in the Hospital Wing. Madam Pomfrey let Ron stay here with me.



 [alt\\_luna](#) at **2013-06-02 17:18:58**  
(no subject)

That's very nice that she allowed Ron to stay with you. I hope it gave you a chance to talk.

I am so glad we all got away safely.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 15:25:01](#)  
(no subject)

I don't know how I'm going to face Professor Dolohov.

He looked me right in the face but he didn't know who I was behind the mask and it was like -- I don't even know. He was

He's always been kind to me. I guess I did know, in my head, that he could be different. But I'd never seen it. Until last night.



 [alt\\_luna](#) at [2013-06-02 17:27:03](#)  
(no subject)

I have been thinking and thinking about it. He let us go, didn't he? I suppose...he let us go because he didn't want to face us. To confront us, I mean. If he figured out who we were, or at least who some of us were, and he's so clever that I imagine that he might have. But I can't imagine his reasoning why.

They warned us about him--the Order, I mean. But I agree, he's so nice, it was hard to see.

I suppose that, being as young as we are, it's not always easy for us to see that being nice is not exactly the same as being good.

Although that's not exactly right, either. I remember Mr Black saying during our training week that the world isn't split into good people and bad.

It's all most confusing.

Well. I suppose we would have arrested by now if Professor Dolohov did figure it out and wants to make an issue of it--but he let us go, so I don't think he will.

But he might do something else. And trying imagining what that *something else* could be makes me nervous. I've been wracking my brains, and I can't think what he will do.

Perhaps I don't have an imagination that's vivid enough.

Although that might be a blessing. Ugh.

**2013-06-02 09:12:00**

*Order Only: Private message to Bill and Charlie*



I keep thinking about those poor children. Losing their parents in such a way, and what was going to be done to them, my goodness.

 [alt\\_molly](#)

And Dominic Selwyn. I've never said--but, oh, in my worst moments I've had to struggle with such anger that Arthur died saving him. A Council member, a servant of Voldemort! Why did it have to be him!

But he was so kind to us. He not only acknowledged the life debt, he went above and beyond to find ways to help us.

And in the end--oh, Arthur's instinct was right, the dear man. It's if he knew. I wish he could know.

Dominic Selwyn did what none of us dared to do. He went after Voldemort himself. And he succeeded except for those foul magical things that horrible man used to protect himself. We would never have known about them if Selwyn hadn't sacrificed himself to take the risk. And from Albus' report, of what they saw in the pensieve, in the end, even when he was being cruciated, he was still choking out warnings to the others there to turn away from that monster.

Maybe some of them will finally listen.

He was a brave, brave man. I keep thinking: he was a Slytherin, and his plan to kill Voldemort was certainly cunning. But I believe I will always consider him an honorary Gryffindor. (Which would annoy Severus so much, so don't tell him I said so.)

Except he was very proud to be a Slytherin though, I understand. Perhaps it's more appropriate to say that Gryffindor would have been proud to claim him as one of their own.

And what the children discovered last night...the events he set into motion allowed us to learn of THAT, too. How many muggleborn children might we have lost to that thing if Harry hadn't smashed it?

I never would have believed I could say such a thing, but I think we must plant memorial tree for Dominic and Chloe in the garden at Moddey Dhoo. At the least, it would be a comfort to Arista and Hector.





 [alt\\_charlie](#) at [2013-06-02 19:06:37](#)

*(no subject)*

Ugh. Yeah.

I don't know what I feel about this. It's going to take me a little while before I can figure it out. Does the reason why he decided to kill Voldemort make a difference? Do we judge on the actions, or on the motives behind them?

I don't know.

I still can't believe the Institute managed to pull all that off. But I am glad they could rescue the kids.

And, yeah. I guess we ought to plant a tree for him, shouldn't we? Even if he was one of them.

Merlin. Those poor kids are going to have a hell of an adjustment to go through.

**[2013-06-02 10:17:00](#)**

*Private Message to Barty and Tosha*

Tosha, it's so kind of you to host brunch for everyone, particularly given that this morning's audience was so ... unnerving for many.



 [alt\\_narcissa](#)

I'm only writing to say that - we may be late. Or

we may not be able to join you at all. I'm not sure yet.

I think you'd both already gone right away, so that you'd be able to greet your guests. At least, the throne room was nearly empty and I don't recall seeing either of you still among the court. So you wouldn't have seen: Just as we were leaving, Our Lord - called Lucius back to speak with Him. My hand was on his arm and I could feel him tense. He hid it well but his lip - chin - his pulse started racing and his face drained its colour. It - I - It was most concerning.

~~and now~~

There wasn't time to discuss anything, of course. But he sent me out with his eyes. It was as if he were telling me to ~~escape~~ leave if Our Lord would allow it. So I did. At least to the antechamber.

~~I can hear~~

You'll make our excuses if we haven't arrived within the next half-hour? It all depends on my husband's wishes, of course. Once his audience is over. He may decide that not appearing would be less wise than appearing whatever the circumstance.

~~Toshenka, there's nothing I ought to know, is there?~~



 [alt\\_antonin](#) at **[2013-06-02 17:25:50](#)**

*(no subject)*

Milaya?

Have you

~~I cannot bear any more of this~~



 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at [2013-06-02 19:21:57](#)  
(no subject)

Narcissa.

Let us hear from you.




 [alt\\_narcissa](#) at [2013-06-02 21:58:16](#)  
(no subject)

I'm sorry to have worried you.

Lucius is resting. He says he's replaced the private message monitors with people we can trust not to read them. Nothing's changed on that score, I hope?



 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at [2013-06-02 22:04:20](#)  
*Private Message to Narcissa*


That score?

That you may trust me?

...

It's beyond question.



 [alt\\_narcissa](#) at [2013-06-02 22:30:05](#)  
*Re: Private Message to Narcissa*

That's not what I was asking.

But

This might not be the sort of thing you wish to know. What I mean is - I understand if your ... sympathy ... is diminished, under the circumstances.

He's my husband, dearest, and I love him just as deeply. I know you do not wish me to hesitate to come to you in need. That does not mean you are never jealous of his prior claim on my devotion.

It would be ungracious of me to force you to console me when it doesn't serve your desires.



 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at [2013-06-02 22:49:00](#)

*Re: Private Message to Narcissa*

I apologise. I saw something in what you said that wasn't there.

I think, Narcissa, that we're beyond the point of this being only about serving my desires. Hoped you'd known that. ~~Particularly now that~~

If there's some way I can be of use, you've only to say.



 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at [2013-06-02 22:11:11](#)

*(no subject)*

And, yes. You may trust the message screeners. Lucius ensured their cooperative lack of curiosity with respect to certain of us.

How is he really?



 [alt\\_narcissa](#) at [2013-06-02 22:47:07](#)

*(no subject)*

Yes, he said something about that but wasn't certain our people were still in charge of the department.

He's fine.



 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at [2013-06-02 22:58:22](#)

*(no subject)*

Yes. Had hoped to speak with L about a permanent solution for the Communications Department. Need to move on that if we're to prevail.

For the time being, however, the staffing remains as it's been. Were able to cover the loss of L's clerk from that rota. It's

temporary, of course. Aurors and Auror staff are not communications hacks.

When you say he's fine, is he in a state to discuss business?

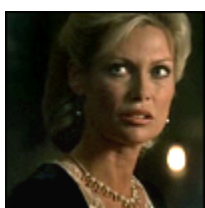



 **[alt\\_narcissa](#)** at **[2013-06-02 23:04:42](#)**  
*(no subject)*

I'll reassure him.

He would say yes; but whether he is or not I am not prepared to allow him visitors - or his

journal - until he's had at least a few more hours' rest.



 **[alt\\_narcissa](#)** at **[2013-06-02 23:44:15](#)**  
*(no subject)*

He'd been concerned since early Saturday, you know. Tosha, I thought at first it was because you and he had discussed (in private) how Our Lord's murder might have been, in its way, a blessing. Because you all had been working with Dominic in the wake of the assassination to restore order and because of your plan, to give out that the Council had been in charge for years without Our Lord's guidance.

But that wasn't all there was to it, of course. Mostly it was because he suddenly remembered his conversations with Dominic over a period of months, and couldn't fathom why the Obliviations should spontaneously revert like that. He told me late yesterday that he'd concluded it was a last revenge Dominic was playing on him - for not joining Dominic's faction back when he'd been approached.

I asked him why that should have made a difference. He wouldn't say then, but this afternoon, he told me the awful truth of it.

Tosha. Dominic Obliviated him not because he threatened to expose the treason, but because Lucius asked him. He confessed that he was not wholly opposed to the attempt to - ensure the Protectorate a more - stable - future. He merely refused to participate. On the second and third occasions ... Dominic reminded him of their prior conversation and as a result, Lucius supplied him with information and, again, requested Obliviation.

Dominic must have performed the spell so that if he failed, if he were

killed, Lucius would remember. Remember all of it.

That's what Our Lord saw. I don't know when: During the ritual, perhaps, or yesterday at the wedding reception - or even in Court this morning. I'm not sure. Presumably He saw something in Dominic's own mind that led him to look at my husband's more closely.

But whenever it happened, He perceived Lucius' ... doubts. His willingness to let Dominic proceed. And I was certain - I think he was certain, that he was about to pay the ultimate price for his hesitations.

At least we can be thankful Our Lord chose not to reprimand him before the whole Council. He has been granted another chance to prove his loyalty - he said, Our Lord extended leniency in remembrance of their past closeness, and in recognition of his service all these years.

I

What's done is done. But I'm so afraid this is not over.

Please. Tell no one.



 **alt\_antonin** at **2013-06-03 02:38:30**

*(no subject)*

Ever-living and merciful eternal gods preserve and defend us. My dear, I am out of words. For all of this.

I will not tell anyone.

At times like these, we must hold together.

**2013-06-02 13:20:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*



 [alt\\_harry](#)

Sally-Anne, you okay? Hydra? Justin?

I've been thinking.

And I just wanted to say

Mrs Longbottom and Mr Lupin were right.

I made a bad call. We should've tried harder to get someone at the party to listen, or written them to tell them what was going on. We got lucky, but like Mrs Longbottom said, luck isn't a good substitute for competence. We were lucky that Professor Dolohov removed those curses, and that they stopped when they did. We were lucky that they weren't trying to kill us, just keep us pinned down. And if Arista hadn't had the Felix, it's hard to tell, but it probably would've been a lot worse. And next time around we won't have that.

This is my responsibility. This is my fault, and I'm sorry.

I guess we ought to do a post thing. At least that's what I've been thinking about all morning.

We got Arista and Hector, and we all got out of there alive. Which are all good things. And trying to help Arista and Hector was the right thing to do. The way we did it could've been better.

We didn't know Professor Dolohov and Mr Crouch would come down there like they did. But I think we overestimated how prepared we were for that kind of fight if we were going to run into other people. We're good. The best in our class. Just not good enough yet. And I think that's what got us. Why we thought we could do it on our own. But the reason we succeeded wasn't because of anything we were doing, we succeeded because they decided to stop.

Splitting up was a bad idea. I think. Maybe fighting in a larger group we could've done more, but then they might've got more serious about trying to kill us instead of picking us off one by one. I'm not sure. The Department of Mysteries was confusing with the doors and things, and I think that threw us more than it should've too.

No matter what, though, we need to work harder. Lots. This isn't OWLs, or Umbridge. We've got to be better prepared next time.

Even though they were pretty angry about everything, I think they're still planning on letting us in. The Order I mean. For the people who want it. They would've said if they were reconsidering. But we're going to have to work harder with that too. To show them that we can be depended on. And that we can learn from our mistakes, and sort out when we need to ask someone else for help. And not try to do everything. We've done a lot of good things. And I think everyone on this is really brave, and brilliant, and I'm glad none of you died. And Cedric and Katie and Linus did a good job too.

Anyways. Maybe we could meet and talk about it?

And about the other thing too. The ceremony.

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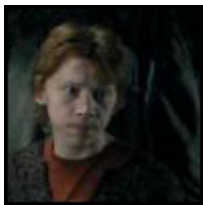
 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 19:55:07](#)  
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If Arista hadn't had the felix, she never would have found her father's diary and we never would have known she was down there. And she'd be dead and none of us would ever know what happened to her.

So.

I don't think there's much point in that particular what if.

Also, Harry, don't be an idiot. I am not your responsibility. I'm your friend. There's a difference.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 20:57:57](#)  
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Yeah, mate.

I was there because Arista needed help. Not because you did anything at all. I mean, I'm glad you were there, but I'd have gone anyway, even if you hadn't.

And about that luck potion... see, I think if it would all have gone better if we'd got adults to go with us, then we'd have been able to find them when we tried. And if it would have turned out better if



the adults had been there to fight, then the potion would've made it turn out that way.

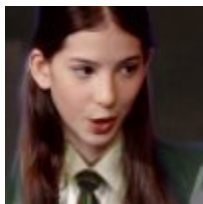
But think about it. When we got there, Mrs Selwyn was connected to that whatever it was you broke, and Arista said they were using it on her mum first because they needed to adjust the magic to her first. And then they were going to start on Arista next, and then Hector. And they were doing it last night. But where were they? The people who were doing it? Gone. To do what? Smoke a pipe? Have a cuppa? They weren't there because Arista drank luck. And we came. Not the Order.

Think about that.

And then, see, I think about what could've happened if they had come with us. Or instead of us.

For one thing, it would've taken too long. I mean, none of them could have left the wedding and not be noticed like we did. Bill couldn't. And we couldn't even find Madam Pomfrey or Professor Sprout to let them know. And where were the others? They were off wherever they said, having a meeting. They were busy when we left, and what if they hadn't seen a message even if we'd sent one?

Anywiz, whatever. Even if they'd got there just as quickly as we did, what would have happened when Dolohov and Crouch turned up? They'd have all fought, and they'd've all used worse spells on each other. And Crouch and Dolohov would've called in MLE, who were all just right across the building. It would've taken no time. And then the Longbottoms, and Mr Shackbolt, and Mr Lupin, and Sirius Black, and Miss Tonks, and whoever all'd come, they'd all've been dead or arrested or on the run. And Arista might've been dead. Hector, too.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 21:33:07](#)  
(no subject)

Yeah, I get the impression that the Order likes to PLAN. That if they need to break into the Order of Mysteries to save someone they'd want to have an inside contact and know the precise schedules of of the staff and maybe the names of their supervisors so that they can send an owl that looks like it's from someone's supervisor to lure away the bloke who's supposed to be guarding.

(Except for Sirius Black but I think maybe the rest of them sit on him sometimes.)

I mean they wanted to get Terry away from Carrow and they didn't because they couldn't arrange things as perfectly as they thought they needed to. And then Carrow put Fidelius on Lincoln Castle and after that they couldn't. For ages.

It's not that they're not good people but maybe there really is a reason that WE were the ones who were needed last night.

And none of us died, not even me.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-02 21:41:17](#)  
(no subject)

And maybe that's really what the Prophecy means, that you told us about when you joined the Lock. It's not that you've got some special powers that will let you kill the Lord Protector (even though Director Selwyn failed). Because really, that's crazy, you know? Maybe what it means is that you'll be the one who's there, in the right moment. You'll have the means. Somehow.

Probably first it might be good to figure out how to keep him from coming back again, though.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-03 03:52:39](#)  
(no subject)


Maybe.

I'll have to think on that some more.

I mean, I'm not going to just trust that it'll happen if I sit back and wait for it, you know?

But yeah, like Evs said. If it can be done, it can be undone.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-03 03:57:01](#)  
(no subject)

Like how we were all wrong for last night but turned out being the only thing that could've done it in just that way.

Maybe.

I wonder if Mrs Longbottom will buy that we didn't write them because of the Felix?

It's worth a try.




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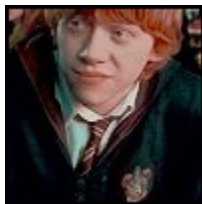
Oh, Harry! ACT LIKE A SLYTHERIN. Tell her we're really, really sorry and we're just so grateful we were lucky and no one died and next time, of course, we'll tell them.


Because we will, probably. Right? I mean we TRIED this time, after all.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-02 22:15:22](#)  
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I guess what I was trying to say is that we can't depend on it next time, is all. And that we weren't prepared.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-02 22:26:11](#)  
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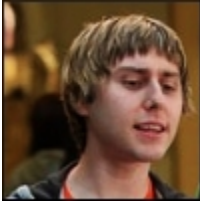
Hm.

Yeah, I won't argue with you about needing to prepare more. We've got CCF coming up, and then we need to not fluff off the rest of the summer.

I reckon the Order are going to be more keen on being sure we get the training we need. After last night. So that's a good thing about

it, too.

If you squint.



**alt\_justin** at [2013-06-03 01:05:45](#)

*(no subject)*

Harry,

I'm much better, thank you, though in truth, nothing of consequence happened to me, not compared to our Sally-Anne or Hermione, what.

(Though I don't mind saying going to sleep was--quite difficult last night. Trusting that closing one's eyes would be all right, if you follow me.)

But see here, old man, you mustn't think you led us into anything we weren't willing to do. I say, it's part of why we started using the Galleon for Defence practice, what. It's part of why we'll continue to prepare ourselves to fight, when we must do.

We were all bally well lucky, but that just means we've a better idea than we ever had before of what we need to learn and practice.

-Justin



**alt\_neville** at [2013-06-03 02:30:26](#)

*(no subject)*

It's funny...I feel like I let you all down, too. Because I wasn't there--although I wasn't at the wedding because I'm not in CCF. And I'm not in CCF because I crashed my broom in the trials. Although it's even more laughable to think I could have made Professor Dolohov break into as much as one bead of sweat, if I'd tried crossing wands with him. Much less Mr Crouch! I probably would have ended up breaking my wand or something.

I dunno--I probably would have been more useful running interference for you all back at the wedding. Although it sounds like Moon and Diggory and Katie Bell did a fine job of that on their own.

But more than that, I'm just kicking myself that I was playing chess

with Evelyn last night and didn't look at my journal once. I could have passed the word onto the Order! I could have let Fred or George or Lee know, and they could have sent the message along.

Ron's right, though, too--if they had known, they probably would have come charging in, and lots more people would have been hurt. Or even died.




 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-03 02:40:35](#)**  
(no subject)

Well see, SEE, that's just proof that Ron's theory was right. We were there BECAUSE of the Felix Felicis because we were the only ones who could in and get her out and have it not all go pear-shaped. (Well, more pear-shaped. At least no one died.)

Because HOW OFTEN do you go for an entire evening not looking in your journal once, Neville? Maybe you didn't because we were REALLY LUCKY NOT TO HAVE THE ORDER THERE.

I mean not that we should make 'obviously we're better off without them' an assumption going forward. But.



 **[alt\\_terry](#)** at **[2013-06-03 02:42:45](#)**  
(no subject)

Huh. That's a really interesting theory.

I wonder exactly how far the influence of Felix Felicis spreads? Because I could have passed word along, too, but I just happened to spend yesterday afternoon and evening as the Professor, and dogs don't read journals. It felt like just a whim, to stay in my animagus form for several hours. Was it Arista taking the potion, hundreds of miles away, that nudged me into transforming?

I guess I'll meet her and her brother soon. I hope they like it here. We'll do all we can to make them feel at home as quickly as possible, although of course, it's going to be hard for them.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 02:47:17](#)  
(no subject)

Yeah. They lost both their parents, and their home, and all their friends (except for Ron).

AND they're being sent to live with people they've grown up thinking were the enemy.

At least there are a lot of other children there, right?



 [alt\\_terry](#) at [2013-06-03 02:58:16](#)  
(no subject)

Yes, over sixty, all sorts of ages. They'll find friends all right.

Sarah Fawcett said she'd look out for them...after all, she's in sort of the closest situation. Many of the kids here were rescued by the Order when they were babies and toddlers, and don't really know anything different, but Sarah grew up in the Protectorate and then had to give up everything about the life she knew to come here.

Mr and Mrs Longbottom are wonderful, and so are all the other teachers. I suppose it'll be easier for Hector, since he's younger, and he won't remember so much about the life he's lost.

Ugh, sounds sort of cold to say it that way. But it's true.



 [alt\\_susan](#) at [2013-06-03 03:13:08](#)  
(no subject)

I wonder about that too, Terry. I felt off all day yesterday, and I'd been sort of ignoring it and hoping it would go away, but then I felt worse during dinner and it just seemed the most natural thing in the world to Floo back to school and lie down.

And I felt terrible for not being there, but maybe if I had been I'd have dragged the lot of you down somehow.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 03:18:17](#)  
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Oh you looked WRETCHED at dinner.

I really hope the felix felicis didn't make you ill. That seems unfair, somehow. That one person's good luck would be another person's rotten luck.

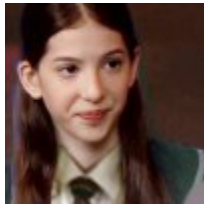


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Maybe it just made me feel it more, or stop being able to ignore it?

I don't know, but either way, I keep trying to tell myself it was for the best. Because I feel awful about not being there to help, but it'd be worse if I'd been there and made a mistake that somehow muffed the whole thing.

How're you feeling? If you're not sick of people asking you.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 03:26:55](#)  
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I'm fine, thanks.

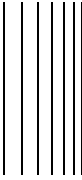
I hope you feel recovered by tomorrow, at least?



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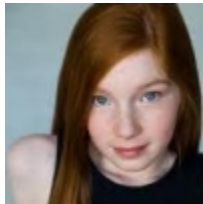
I hope so, but if not...I could probably vom on command at the beginning of Dark Arts?

It would certainly be distracting.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 03:36:52](#)  
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That might come in handy.



 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at [2013-06-03 03:48:24](#)  
(no subject)

That makes sense.

It also makes sense that there's loads more work we have to do, too. And I can see why the Order wouldn't be pleased.

Mum said that, Harry? She must've been furious.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-03 03:50:18](#)  
(no subject)

yeah. You can say that again.

I mean, I think she was angry and relieved sort of at the same time?

But yeah. Your mum

She can be sort of intense sometimes.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 02:42:20](#)  
(no subject)

I mean if it were Lee who went a whole evening not reading his journal it wouldn't mean anything.

But you're almost as bad as I am. And I'm pretty bad. About checking my journal CONSTANTLY, I mean.





 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-03 02:46:16](#)  
(no subject)

Well, I was checking it earlier--you'll remember the private message I sent you while you were at the wedding. But I guess I must have closed it right before Ron heard from Arista and then, yeah, I didn't open it again all evening.

It was a really good chess game, though.



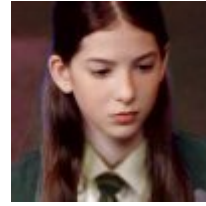
 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at [2013-06-03 03:47:15](#)  
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It was, wasn't it?

Like the best sort of sticky arithmancy problem where you solve a bit and the rest makes sense.

**2013-06-02 16:41:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private message to Justin*



 **alt\_sally\_anne**

I'm trying to prepare myself. I mean sometimes when I need to do something that's frightening I sort of imagine it, you know, a bunch of times in a row, to try to make it less scary (it doesn't always work. it doesn't help at ALL with exams.)

Every time I try to imagine walking into his classroom tomorrow I see his face when we crossed wands.

(You can't really call it 'duelling.' ~~He cut me down like~~ Anyway all I was really trying to do was divert him. Hector had made a noise, and Dolohov turned and looked straight at us where we were hiding under the cloak. I figured if I came out with my wand he'd assume he'd got the person who made the noise and stop looking. And it worked. I guess.)

Are you scared

~~I don't know how I'm going to get through class. Just being in the same room with him right now~~

I wish it were summer already.

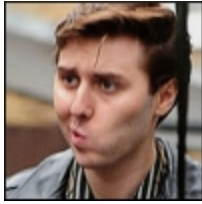


 **alt\_sally\_anne** at **2013-06-02 22:00:09**  
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I mean, I've looked into people's faces who wanted to hurt me. I looked into Lana Sandoval's face right before she cruciated me, and right after, and what I saw there wasn't like this.

The only reason he didn't kill me right there was that he wanted to ask us questions and if we were dead we couldn't answer.

And then he changed his mind and they went away and I don't understand why.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-02 23:01:13](#)

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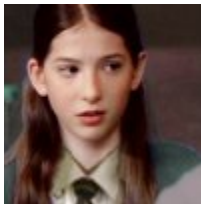
Sally-Anne,

Yes, we have. And I'm *still* in the front row, dash it.

How long did you last, if one may ask? I'm well surprised I was able to take more than two passes against him but it was longer than that, what. If he hadn't hit Hydra first we probably would have simply run for cover but she went down and--well, I suppose I felt one really must do something to give the rest of you a chance to get away. But then that curse connected and everything went utterly black, what. I couldn't tell if I were standing or lying, I couldn't hear or feel. To be honest, I wasn't sure if I were still alive, what.

I don't know why the spells wore off so completely or so quickly, though. Hydra thinks he must have lifted them, which rather makes sense if he really did decide to leave us alone. She said it was after Auror Crouch chased Draco. I wonder ... do you suppose they might have realised we were trying to free the Selwyns?

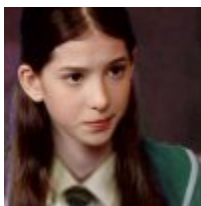
-Justin



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 00:49:06](#)

(no subject)

I cast one spell and he turned round and slashed his wand and it felt like he'd split me in half. I thought I was going to die. So I'm not sure 'how long did you last' is really the relevant question here.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 00:51:15](#)

(no subject)

And if he didn't mind us freeing Arista and Hector then why did he come after us in the first place? And why would BARTY CROUCH let us go, BARTY CROUCH who cruciated poor Sophie Fleet in the Great Hall and then took her away to die?



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-03 01:16:56](#)  
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I say, you don't think he actually recognised us, behind the masks?

That could be very bad, indeed.

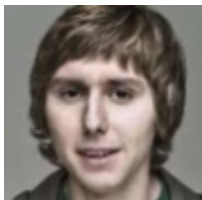
-Justin




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No, I don't. I mean he didn't recognise me when he looked at me, I could tell. I don't know if he'd have looked any ~~less like a friendlier~~, but he would have looked surprised, at least.

Also, I expect he would have taken points, after he left me bleeding on the floor. And possibly critiqued my technique and choice of spells.

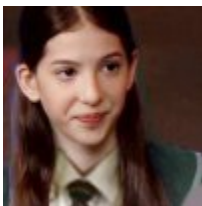


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How *are* you feeling, by the way? I'm dashed sorry I didn't ask earlier.

But as far as facing Professor Dolohov: I say, the key will be to behave as if nothing's wrong at all. Which really isn't all that bally well different from how we behave every day, what?

-Justin



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 03:26:01](#)  
(no subject)

I'm fine.

And yeah. I'll try. I'm just not sure I'll be able to.

**[2013-06-02 19:21:00](#)**

*Thank you*

I am overwhelmed by all those who were able to join us and celebrate on Saturday, and by everyone who's offered good wishes for our marriage. More personal notes will be going out shortly, around our commitments at school.



 **[alt\\_sinistra](#)**

For those curious about the details of the wedding, Tallie Powell (our planner) plans a series of entries in her journal highlighting many of the contributions to the day. There are a few questions nearly everyone seemed to have, so I hope answering them here will help.

My name: For a variety of reasons, I intend to remain Professor Sinistra in professional settings. I am delighted to now be Mrs Lestrangle in social settings.

Raz and I currently expect to be in New London over the summer, but our precise plans and obligations are still a work in progress, and will be for a few weeks, at least.

Finally, I understand some were curious about the stars projected in the reception rooms. This is a variation of a method I developed for teaching over the last few years. Once term is over, I'd be glad to discuss further with anyone interested.

Students, we especially appreciate all your good wishes and congratulations, and we wish you could all have joined us. There will be a special treat tomorrow night at supper, as our last bit of formal celebration, and to ease into end of term exams. For those with questions, I will be in my office until half nine tonight, but no later, and hours are posted for the rest of the week.



 **[alt\\_sinistra](#)** at **[2013-06-02 23:44:25](#)**

*Private message to Mum and Dad*

It still doesn't feel real, but I know it is.

Can you both remind the Aunts that I am *actually busy*? Four owls waiting when we got back, and I just

can't

Mum, what you said in April, about how Raz and I have something

that looks like the things you know - romance, marriage, family - but it isn't just that, and you had to stop thinking it was and leave space for the things you don't know about at all?

This was one of those days.

~~This morning~~

~~I close my eyes and I remember what Chloe told me~~

Lots to do here, so please don't worry if you don't hear much for a bit.

Love you. Thank you. For everything. Always.



 [alt\\_susan](#) at [2013-06-03 03:08:42](#)

*(no subject)*

It was really lovely, Professor. I'm so sorry I was taken ill and had to leave early.

Good wishes to you and Professor Raz!



 [alt\\_sinistra](#) at [2013-06-03 13:30:07](#)

*(no subject)*

Thank you, Miss Bones. We're glad you got to enjoy a little of it, at least.



 [alt\\_antonin](#) at [2013-06-03 06:55:12](#)

*(no subject)*

I wish you both nothing but the best, my darlings. May your love for each other only grow from this day forward.

The ceremony was lovely, and so very suited to you both. And you were radiant.



 **[alt\\_antonin](#)** at **[2013-06-03 07:04:05](#)**

*Private Message to Auri*

I know this morning must have been utterly terrifying for you. I hope that my promise to you beforehand was at least some small comfort. It is not time-limited, either: if it is within my power, I will not allow you to come to harm.

This week has been exceptionally trying, but one part of it I cannot regret is that now I might call you sister as well, my dear little star. I hope that you are able to spend some time rejoicing in each other, and in your union.



 **[alt\\_sinistra](#)** at **[2013-06-03 14:12:18](#)**

*Re: Private Message to Auri*

Toshenka, I have no words for yesterday morning. Still.

Your promise did help and will forever help.

I am so very glad, yes, to be your sister, and you my brother. Of all the changes Saturday brought, that is the one (save being Raz's wife) that brings me the most joy.

As to the time, well. Raz and I have not yet managed more than two days in each other's company without the obligations of the world intruding. We are at least practised in making the most of the hours and the minutes.

Right. I must now wander out of his rooms (at least today - and all our tomorrows - I need not hide where I've been for the night) and to my office. And then make some attempt to answer all the people whose world this weekend held the wedding, and nothing else. (And, I suppose, see how the papers wrote it up: I could not bear to look yesterday.)

Oh. Friday. Might we? If nothing else calls more loudly? I do have notes for you on the binding charms in practise, and thus far, I can only report that the castle does not seem to be taking offense on that account.



 **[alt\\_sinistra](#) at 2013-06-03 16:10:58**

*Re: Private Message to Auri*

Also, Toshenka. I can't say I *want* to talk about Court.

It's not that I like Marston Strangeweale. But watching his ~~torture punishment~~. Sorry. Fumbling. Is 'correction' the word one should use?

~~Much harder than Cassie, when Alecto~~

And Our Lord's anger.

Anyway. Maybe we could, should, talk a little. So I can do better next time everyone's presence is required.

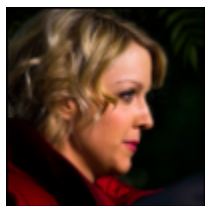


 **[alt\\_antonin](#) at 2013-06-04 00:13:01**

*Re: Private Message to Auri*

I will say to you again: whatever help I might offer you, it is yours.

We are not at our best, of late. And yes. You ought know ~~how to survive this~~ the proper protocols and behaviours.



 **[alt\\_sinistra](#) at 2013-06-04 01:17:14**

*Re: Private Message to Auri*

Oh *consors*. I would not stretch you too thin, if you have other, more urgent needs, is all.

(I am not fussing, Toshenka, except that I have eyes and ears and a heart that loves you. And I know there was more to this week than I will ever be told, but as I've said to you, whatever help I can be, I am as glad to give to you as you are to me.)

Friday. With marzipan and coffee and excellent pastries, and all the fortitude we both can find, then. I just keep thinking about patterns. And supernovae. And many other things.



There - oh, I will say it here, I think. I keep thinking back to Chloe, this spring. The obituary brought it back. Her life in so few lines.

Back in school, she took Divination. And she shrugged it off and laughed it away, but in all the forms, she never saw a long and happy life. Just - nothing. It wasn't her warning me off, that last time. (Not like December.) It was her trying to find her way through what that meant. Might mean.

All I can come to, all I come back to is this: knowing - your teaching - will give me more choices. But also that all my choices are to make the most of today, because tomorrow may change everything. It is a poor philosophy, in some ways. And very selfish, maybe. But it may just serve.

(On that note, my choice of the moment is to go downstairs for an hour or two with my husband before climbing up again to teach.)



 **alt\_sinistra** at [2013-06-03 13:36:22](#)

*(no subject)*

Thank you, Tosha, for everything.

And I really must publicly thank you and Poppy and Irma for all your help with some of the related research for the ceremony. (And Pomona for consulting on the flowers, too.)



 **alt\_lavender** at [2013-06-03 22:00:41](#)

*(no subject)*

Congratulations, Professor Siz! It sounds as though it was a splendid event.

And thanks so much for sharing Miss Powell's journal--I'm looking forward to reading about all the details!



 [alt\\_sinistra](#) at [2013-06-03 22:14:30](#)  
(no subject)

Thank you, Miss Brown. (And we're sorry we couldn't include more of Hogwarts than we did, but the logistics were just too overwhelming.)

And yes, on Miss Powell's journal - I deeply enjoyed working with her, and her sense of humour, and I think you'll all like her commentary. (She showed me a few of her drafts already.) The first one's up, if you haven't seen, about the music for the dancing, from *Quadrivium*.

**2013-06-02 21:44:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*  
*Private Message to Sally Anne*



How do you feel tonight?

Does it still hurt a lot? Madam Pomfrey said there shouldn't be a scar, but she said you'd see the mark of it for a while before it faded. Is it... really terrible? I mean, it must remind you of-

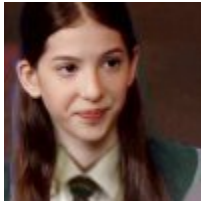
 [alt\\_ron](#)

So I was thinking that tomorrow afternoon if the weather's not gone back to being shite, we could fly again. Or go out to the lake? I mean, Pansy could come, too, if she feels like it. Or-

Um,

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 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-03 02:59:22**  
(no subject)

I still feel like I got stepped on by something very large. It's not too bad when I'm sitting still or moving carefully, but it hurts when I laugh, sneeze, cough, or move too quickly. So I'm not so sure about flying.

But going out to the lake would be nice.



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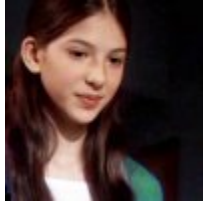
Oh. Yeah.

Flying was a dumb thing to suggest.

We could stay in and play chess or, uh, play snap or anything, really.

But, yeah, if the weather's good we could go out to the lake.

Only if you feel like it. I mean, after all day in lessons.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 03:12:32](#)  
(no subject)

Well normally I like flying and maybe I'll feel better? And if it's nice I don't want to stay in. A walk to the lake sounds nice.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 03:03:29](#)  
(no subject)

And mostly when it hurts it reminds me I'm alive when I sort of didn't expect to be.

I keep picturing Dolohov's face (I told Justin this, since we have Dark Arts tomorrow) when he cursed me and I wish I had more Dreamless Sleep potion for tonight.



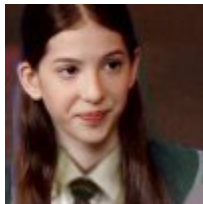
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I could go to Madam Pomfrey for you if you want.

D'you want me to?

Or I could come get you and you could go back to the hospital wing. Maybe she wouldn't mind if I—

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 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 03:16:30](#)  
(no subject)

Ugh, I don't want to go back. The smells were really bothering me, I think it was because I was all tense still from yesterday.

Anyway Madam P would probably think it served me right if I had

bad dreams about Dolohov. She was just as cross as the others about us going off without telling them. Also she REALLY doesn't like treating patients who aren't in front of her. I did talk her into giving me something for Pansy once and then obviously when Umbridge was around she gave me a whole LOAD of potions but none of them were sleeping potions, not even 'dry dreams.'



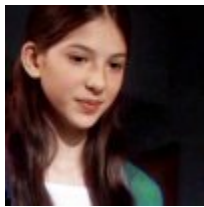
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Well. I don't think she'd want you having nightmares, y'know?

So if it gets bad, go up there. Daphne'd go with you. She's a Prefect, so you wouldn't get in trouble if it's after curfew.

Just.

I'm sorry it's bad.




 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-03 04:02:23](#)**  
(no subject)

Well, I'll see how it goes.

Thank you for staying with me last night. I wish I'm glad Madam P let you.

It was really nice seeing you there when I woke up.




 **[alt\\_ron](#)** at **[2013-06-03 04:06:32](#)**  
(no subject)

Yeah.

I'd've worried all night if she'd sent me away.

And, well



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-03 04:04:43](#)  
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-Say, um.

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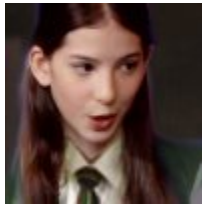
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Did you , y'know, mean

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 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 04:09:17](#)  
(no subject)

What on earth are you writing I can't see

**2013-06-02 22:19:00**

*Order Only: Order Meeting, 1-June-1996*



 [alt\\_lupin](#)

**MEETING MINUTES**

Order of the Phoenix

Date: 1 June 1996

Location: Aldrich Town

**Order Members Present:**

Sirius Black, Alice Longbottom, Frank Longbottom, Kingsley Shacklebolt, Albus Dumbledore, Molly Weasley, Dora Tonks, Charlie Weasley, Dorcas Meadows, Caradoc Dearborn, Stephen McGivern, Nick Towler, Cecilia Perks, Remus Lupin, Walden Macnair.

**Order Members Absent:**

Poppy Pomfrey, Pomona Sprout, Minerva McGonagall, Fred Weasley, George Weasley, Bill Weasley, Lee Jordan, Severus Snape, Arabella Scrim, Hermione Granger, Terry Boot, Rhymes with Rudy.

**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

Why is this even on the agenda? We NEVER review the previous meeting minutes. We didn't this time, either, and we didn't even have a good excuse.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

We can't exactly add Aldrich Estates to our organisational inventory, but since they have expressed willingness to allow us to draw on their resources on occasion, it's worth mentioning here. The Aldrich farms produce wheat and barley; there's a brewery for beer; they raise sheep, from which they produce some rather tasty cheeses, and also wool; they have a woolen mill that produces fabric; they also have some cows and a tannery where they produce fine leather goods which are apparently sold as wizard-made even though they're sewn by muggles. I think I'm forgetting something. Oh, right, citrus. There's a citrus orchard, managed by wizards. That's going to require some magical upkeep or the trees will stop producing rather quickly.

In addition, we are up seven complete wands (we got ten from the raid on Ollivander's, and gave three to wandless muggleborns at the Aldrich Estates); thirty-eight shafts (all different lengths and wood types); and a large assortment of cores which Melli has determined to include one jobberknoll feather, eight excellent strands of unicorn

hair, twelve more strands of unicorn hair that might be usable (at least in shorter wands), fourteen strands of veela hair, and six strands of dragon heartstring.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Item One: Aldrich Town (formerly Aldrich Estates)**

Securing the estates went about as smoothly as we could possibly ask for. Once it was secure, we released the Aldriches and their employees (other than Norman Bell); though we assumed they'd go to MLE, we've had no visitors to the perimeter yet. Presumably they're all still distracted.

There was some immediate concern from the residents citizens of Aldrich Town about enforcing some sort of power balance between muggles and wizards. The wizards present, including the muggleborns, are a distinct minority. The muggleborns have little or no magical education, though we provided them with wands. There was an initial suggestion that the entire town ought to be a 'wand-free zone' (that was how one of the muggles put it) but the sheer usefulness of magic was quickly brought up (what about healing, what about putting out fires, what about maintaining the orange trees...) Norman Bell, bless him, offered to put his own wand into the keeping of a designated muggle, who will hand it over on occasions when magic is necessary. There were mixed reactions to that idea, and after some more discussion they agreed that they trusted him not to abuse it.

They'd like to hold an election, and elect a town council and a mayor. In the meantime they have some informal leaders who (fortunately) have been in accord about things so far.

So I'd say it's going well but the situation is a bit unstable. I had the uncomfortable feeling when I was there that our suggestions were being interpreted more as instructions. And on one hand, we're suggesting things we think would be a good idea. On the other, we didn't free them from one wizarding authority so that we could set ourselves up as another.

### **Item Two: Planning for future opportunities**

We're realising that we've done very little planning to take advantage of sudden opportunities. If we had people positioned, trained, and



ready, a week when the Lord Protector was (temporarily) dead and the Death Eaters in complete disarray would have been rather a good week to attempt a full-fledged camp uprising.

Needless to say, we did not have people positioned, trained, and ready.

The problem with this sort of preparation is that it's very difficult to keep secret. You can't simply prepare endlessly for a convenient opportunity that may never come. If we're going to wait for opportunities, we'll forever be restricted to things like stealing wands and securing the occasional farm or (if we get ambitious) maybe a muggle camp. If we wish to plan, we need to plan for revolution. There's no halfway here. If you strike at the King and miss -- you wind up like Dominic Selwyn.

Alice noted that there are 64 children currently living at Moddey. Most are very young. We'll be rather better positioned for a revolution when more of these children are grown, armed, trained, and ready. On the other hand, the longer the regime lasts, the longer the Death Eaters dig in...this degenerated into an argument about whether Pansy Parkinson or Seamus Finnigan could be considered more representative of their generation and we cut things off there as they might go all night.

### **Item Three: What exactly IS going on with the Death Eaters this week?**

I have notes from the meeting, but I'm going to add some additional details we learned last night from the Institute. As we understand it, approximately what happened was this:

Dominic Selwyn, at some point in the last year, turned against the Lord Protector. He recruited a small group of insurgents, got hold of Felix Felicis to bend the odds his way, and then on Tuesday of last week, struck Voldemort dead at court. We think he also killed Theodolphus Higgs and used him as a scapegoat. I don't think we know who else was present, although presumably Conall Drumgoole was in on the plot, since he was executed with Selwyn.

There followed several days of frantic Death Eater political manoeuvring. Bill's alerts on this allowed us to turn somewhat to our advantage (see: wands, Aldrich Town.) Also, during that time, it seems Selwyn's faction began to fragment. We're still not sure of the full implications of that, but Bill, you probably want to be prepared that

things may still be shaken up round the Ministry.

On Friday night, Harry was the unwilling guest at an exceedingly dark ritual that brought Voldemort back from the dead. It took place in a graveyard. As described by those who saw the memory, Selwyn, looking rather the worse for wear, was bound to a tombstone. On Bellatrix Lestrange's orders, Lucius Malfoy drew Selwyn's blood and added it to an enormous cauldron, saying, 'blood of the enemy, forcibly taken.' Bellatrix then took bone from the grave at her feet -- that was the bone of Voldemort's father, apparently -- and then she cut off one of her own fingers for the cauldron.

There was another man, and a teenage boy, present; Sirius and Albus recognised them. They were Prince Charles -- well, King Charles, I suppose, unless they've actually got Elizabeth hidden away somewhere as well -- and his son, William. At some sort of threat, Charles lay at Bellatrix's feet and opened his shirt, and Corax Mulciber cut out his heart for the cauldron. That was 'heart of the conquered, taken by right.'

If you haven't viewed this memory, I don't recommend it, let me just note that for the record.

So, once all the body parts were in the pot, along with what looked like a mandrake root, out came Voldemort, looking rather less human than he had before. Not that he was exactly what anyone other than Bellatrix would consider a looker, before.

Voldemort then slew Drumgoole, cut Selwyn loose, and proceeded to cruciate him without mercy. Once his mouth was unstopped, Selwyn shouted that the Lord Protector didn't protect anyone; that his people would be better off without him; look at Warrington, and how he died; 'we are playthings to be broken and thrown away.'

It didn't come out all in a piece like that. Each time Voldemort let the cruciatus lapse for a moment, he spat out another few syllables. Until his voice was gone.

Eventually, Voldemort tired of the game, killed Selwyn, and sent the rest away, including Harry. Rabastan Lestrange took Harry back to Hogwarts and deposited him with Madam Pomfrey in the hopes she'd dose him up with Dreamless Sleep.

**Item Four: So how exactly do we get rid of someone who can't**

## **be killed?**

Albus says that there's a certain form of dark wizardry, called the Horcrux, which allows a ruthless and violent wizard to store a portion of his soul in an object, and makes it possible to survive death. He believes Voldemort has made one. If we can lay hands on his horcrux and destroy it, then kill Voldemort -- he'll stay dead.

Sirius, as our Resident Person Raised by Dark Wizards, had at least *heard* of a horcrux before. He'd heard they were bad. That was about it. Any of the absent Order members want to weigh in? I'd never heard the word before.

Sirius asked whether possibly we could just excavate all the bones out of that graveyard, deny him the 'bone of the father' or whatever it was. I mean, who cares if he's running around as a disembodied ghost?

Albus said that in a pinch, any ancestral bone would do, so unless we're prepared to track down every grave of every one of Voldemort's relatives back to the dawn of time (or assume Voldemort can't find them) that won't do as a solution.

Tonks said, 'so it could be literally anything' and Albus said no, because Voldemort wouldn't choose an 'unworthy vessel.' It would be something special, something meaningful. Though when he tried to persuade Harry to murder Ridley, Albus thinks he was trying to force Harry to create a horcrux himself; the vessel he chose for Harry was a snitch, the first he ever caught. So the definition of 'special and meaningful' may not be especially helpful.

We can also assume the horcrux will be somewhere safe and well-guarded.

So. That's a lovely puzzle. We'll work on that along with 'how do we have a revolution with a few dozen wizards and muggles and 64 half-grown wizard children' and try to have an answer by the next meeting.


## **ADJOURNMENT**

We adjourned, then sat around for a bit talking about some of this until the message came from Hermione.

Arista and Hector are still at Grimmauld. Hector seems to be calming down, but Arista looks quite a bit worse today; I think it's sinking in that her parents are dead, and she's not going home. She's been asking for Ron. Molly, perhaps you could send her a picture, at least? We've told her she'll get to see him once he's on holiday for the summer, I hope that's alright. She's going to have to learn not to use the word 'mudblood,' or she won't make herself very popular at Moddey.

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 **[alt\\_poppy](#)** at **[2013-06-03 03:49:47](#)**  
(no subject)

Goodness, you did have quite a wide-ranging discussion.

On the whole, I believe I am glad I was at that wedding rather than having to go back though the events of that ritual.

It seems that our young friends are managing, though I do wonder if I shall hear about continuing night terrors.



 **[alt\\_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-03 16:33:01](#)**  
(no subject)

How are they today? I've been keeping an eye on the journals, but nothing. (Well, nothing where I can see.)

They looked pretty dreadful when they walked into Doughty Conduit.



 **[alt\\_poppy](#)** at **[2013-06-04 03:48:50](#)**  
(no subject)

Remus,

I'm sorry not to have taken time before now to answer. I shan't be surprised if you don't see this.

Miss Perks will be visibly marked for some time, and I'm afraid she may continue to feel quite tender where the curse slashed her.

I treated Miss Granger for the topical irritation caused by Dolohov's spidersilk--the worst of it was inside her mouth--and I did also give her a palliative for the stiffness.

Miss Lestrange was merely scraped up a bit and Mr Finch-Fletchley had quite a sore throat from having screamed for such a sustained period--and continues to have a sore jaw, though I've done for him what I can. He also picked up some significant bruising, though he insists that was nothing at all. Tincture of time is what he needs now. And both of them are likely to be haunted by physical memories of the curses they sustained. It is a property of such things to make so strong an impression on the mind that after reversal the sensations may return periodically to haunt one.

Mr Malfoy and Mr Potter were easier to patch up, though I rather guess that Mr Malfoy hasn't taken much pleasure in food yet.

I expect it will be several days before they feel exactly themselves again. That said, all of them were well enough that none asked for a second night's dose of Dreamless Sleep, though I'd doubt that means any of them slept easily.




 **[alt\\_molly](#)** at **[2013-06-03 12:18:56](#)**  
(no subject)

I still want to hex Ron to pieces. Going up against Antonin Dolohov.

I mean, of course I'm enormously relieved that they got away safely, but...Antonin Dolohov!

And I can't even send him a Howler to relieve my feelings.



 **[alt\\_molly](#)** at **[2013-06-03 12:19:15](#)**  
(no subject)


EITHER one of them!



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-03 12:20:41](#)  
(no subject)

And of course I'll send Alice a picture of Ron to give to Arista. I have a small one already in a frame that will do.




 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-03 15:53:44](#)  
(no subject)

I do like that Aldrich was thinking through citizenship processes already -- the fact that Davidson had a core of people who wanted to join permanently, and that he went out of his way to ask what that would look like really helped get that ball rolling. (And I'm glad he made a point of asking permission as well.)

I think his people would be willing to train up the Muggleborn there as well. Kingsley, you might also be a good source for Defence training -- perhaps you could offer regular classes? And Molly, you might go along for domestic spells, which could be enormously time saving. You have no idea how much more quickly certain chores go when at least one person has a wand. Laundry especially.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-03 15:57:38](#)  
(no subject)


And this information about Horcruxes is most interesting.

Is it something that can be re-used over and over again until destroyed?

I must admit, the thought of Harry creating one of those dark objects... I am very glad it was unsuccessful.

Given that insight, however, it makes me wonder more about Harry's intended role in the ceremony, and I don't like where it takes me. Sirius, we must talk to him about his options so that he isn't put in that position in the future. He's had two close calls with this sort of thing, and we can't risk his being involved in a third.




 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-03 16:39:36](#)  
(no subject)

Do you suppose it was to show him the purpose of a horcrux, so that if Voldemort were to try again to have Harry make one...?

There are some options for keeping him completely out of Voldemort's hands, but they're all rather drastic. For instance, Harry could relocate to Moddey. Which is a rather thoroughly appealing idea to me, but might not go over quite so well with Harry. (Also, in that scenario, Hermione would also need to go to Moddey -- she certainly could not remain at Buckingham if Harry were to disappear.)



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-03 16:33:48](#)  
(no subject)

So here's a question I'd like to know the answer to.

Severus, can you brew Felix Felicis?



 [alt\\_severus](#) at [2013-06-04 02:25:03](#)  
(no subject)

The purest answer to the question you explicitly asked is: yes, I am capable of brewing Felix Felicis. I have successfully done so once in my life, though not for my own use.

As to the question you meant — whether it would be a logical means of last resort for the Order — the answer to that is, almost certainly not, for both esoteric and exoteric reasons. It is a fiendishly difficult potion requiring precision and exactitude to brew correctly and nonlethally, including three separate phases of requiring direct and personal attention from the brewer for an uninterrupted span of twenty-eight hours at fifteen-minute intervals, and from inception to completion takes several months. Its ingredients are not only dreadfully expensive — to prepare a single dose would likely cost hundreds or thousands of galleons; I have not checked the cost of ingredients recently enough to provide a more accurate assessment — but many of them are not obtainable legitimately save through the professional channels no longer open

to me. Black-market sources not only drive up the price, but cannot guarantee the quality — and a single ingredient not of proper grade and known potency again will turn the effect from luck to lethality.

Beyond that, however, relying on Felix Felicis is a poor choice for so many reasons. The 'luck' it creates is indeterminate and indiscriminate — and it only affects the drinker, not others the drinker prizes. Should you drink a phial of Felix when in danger for your life, it might very well save you — at the cost of your daughter, or your colleagues, or the destruction of the Order. One need only look at Selwyn's plotting, and the outcome thereof: he and his collaborators succeeded in their immediate plan, but once the effects of the Felix Felicis wore off, Selwyn lost status, wife, and life afterward, and his children nearly lost their lives as well.

Too, there is a limit to how often one might rely upon it. It is commonly put about that overuse on Felix will lead one to ruin because it turns one dangerously arrogant and overconfident, or that one ought not take it too often because it concentrates all your allotted luck for a period of time into a single day and leaves you with none left for a time, but the prohibition is more grounded in reality than that: the potion lingers in one's system for an inordinate amount of time after dosage. Years, or decades. Taking another dose before one has finished interacts poorly with the potion that is already present in your system, and the results are invariably a disaster, for you and for the people around you. More: the length of time it takes for each person's body to process the byproducts of the potion is individual, and there is no way to know when you are clear to take another dose.

I have another half-dozen reasons why one should use the potion for any reason other than amusement, should you need them.




**2013-06-02 23:04:00**

*Private Message to Madame Pomfrey*

I'm sorry--I really hoped I'd be better by this evening, but I still feel quite wretched.




And I'm running low on that anti-nausea potion.

 [alt\\_susan](#)

Could I come by tonight, or else tomorrow morning before lessons?

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 [alt\\_poppy](#) at **2013-06-03 03:46:11**  
(no subject)

Of course, my dear.

Come up straight away.



 [alt\\_susan](#) at **2013-06-03 03:48:38**  
(no subject)

Thanks, Madame P. I really appreciate it.

And if I didn't say so before--it's really good to have you back.

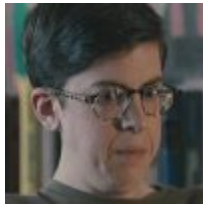
**2013-06-02 23:17:00**


*Private Message to Linus*

I knew you were going to dance with other girls, but really--Parkinson?!?



 **alt\_lavender**



 **alt\_linus** at **2013-06-03 14:35:28**

*(no subject)*

Lav, I can assure you that I paid no attention to Miss Parkinson that I did not pay to Miss Lestrange (and indeed Miss Lovegood and Miss Perks). The entire endeavour was impartially conducted and involved nothing but the proper good will one holds for one's schoolmates. You have nothing to fret about. Indeed, I gave Finnegan quite a set-down when he intimated otherwise!

On my own, I would not have made it a point to be a gadabout on the dance floor; it was a favour to Cedric. Let us speak no more of it.

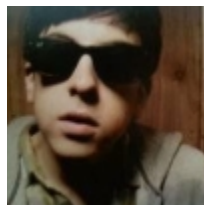


 **alt\_lavender** at **2013-06-03 21:55:25**

*(no subject)*

WHAT? You danced with LOVEGOOD too? And Perks?

And what has Diggory got to do with it? I mean, I'm quite glad he's up and around, but I don't see what it has to do with your frankly appalling taste in dance partners!



 **alt\_linus** at **2013-06-04 04:36:01**

*(no subject)*

Lav, Cedric is my friend. It's too complicated to explain just now, but please be assured that I was doing him a favour in all that I did.

Really, I don't know why you're getting so upset. Perhaps you ought to see Madam Pomfrey for some sort of tonic? I know how a witch's temperament fluctuates with certain phases. (And believe

| me, Karo is enough to put one well into awe of the mysterious  
| workings of the minds of witches.)

**2013-06-03 00:10:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy*



How are you?

I'm glad you're okay. And I was

I'm just glad you're okay.

That's all.

 [alt\\_pansy](#)



 [alt\\_draco](#) at **2013-06-04 21:02:14**

*(no subject)*

Well, I'm not hungry yet.

Glad you're alright, too. Really.

**2013-06-03 02:07:00**

*Private Message to Antonin Dolohov*


lookout: ?? fem. GW? LL? EL? watch clusters  
Bonfire: HL (!!)  
Nihil Sensorum: JFF (must train)  
w/B: HM? DM? if one present, both were  
Infidi: SAP (damn.) PP therefore also, ??



 **alt\_antonin**

- total count? damn warren
- RW, NL, EL, F/GW, ???
- LM, CD, KB distractions
- how did they know?
- where the fuck did they deliver the pkg?



 **alt\_antonin** at **2013-06-03 08:09:26**  
*Private Message to Dominic*

I will likely never be certain, but I believe I have discharged your last request of me, as careful as you were to lay it upon me without obligation. I must admire your willingness to invoke my scruples; it is a hallmark of how well you know me. I have rescued your library as well; I will do my utmost to publish your ancestor's work.

I know you understood why I could not do anything other than I did. I know you did not expect mercy. But I still regret the necessity.

While your choices may have been ill-advised, your name, and Chloe's, will not be lost to the winds of time, not while there is breath left in me. I will honour you both with my own dead, and I wish you well in the world hereafter.

*(O you who bring beneficant souls into the house of Osiris, do you bring the souls of Dominic and Chloe together with you into the house of Osiris, let them see as you see, let them hear as you hear, let them stand as you stand, and sit as you sit in the house of Osiris; O you who give bread and beer to beneficant souls in the house of Osiris, do you give bread and beer at the two periods to the souls of Dominic and Chloe who are with you; O you who unclose the ways and open the roads to beneficant souls in the house of Osiris, unclose the ways and open the roads to the souls of Dominic and Chloe who are with you, let them enter boldly and come forth in peace at the house of Osiris, without hindrance and without repulse.*

*Let them enter at their pleasure and go forth at their will, triumphantly with you, and let that be executed which they shall order in the house of Osiris.* With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the soul of Your servants Dominic and Chloe, where there is no pain, nor sorrow, nor suffering, but life everlasting. Sanctus Deus, Sanctus Fortis, Sanctus Immortalis, miserere nobis. Άγιος ό Θεός, Άγιος ίσχυρός, Άγιος άθάνατος, έλέησον ήμάς. Holy God, Holy Almighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us, both now and ever and to the history of ages, amen.)

Farewell, my brother.

**2013-06-03 07:08:00**

*Private Message to Percy Weasley*

First priority: Permanent staff for Private Message monitoring. No use giving anyone else a chance to infiltrate. Work with Crispin and Pennifold. Leave Massopust to Crispin for now.



 **alt\_lucius**

Trust you now understand why it was not an opportune time to press for entry. What happened to Higgs could have happened to you.

After-noon to-day is far too busy; reschedule half the appointments. Leave at least 30 minutes between each.

Have list of additional meetings needed in the next week. Keep 30-min intervals through Wednesday.

Do not bring tea this morning. Send elf.

**2013-06-03 13:14:00**

*Private Message to B Lestrangle and M Travers*



All right. Just heard from L that he's got Fudge's signature.

Crispin: Head, Department of Education and Public Information

Pennifold: Director, Division of Wizarding Communication

Baddock: Assistant Director, Comms (brief includes journal oversight)

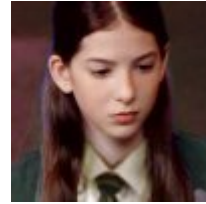
Next: need to replace Pennifold here. Anyone you'd recommend?

 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#)



**2013-06-03 16:03:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*



Well that was basically very uneventful.

He mostly talked about research and precautions when looking at dangerous books, and he had a bunch of books from his own library that had some sort of interesting protective spell on it, including one about creatures that would literally chase you across the floor and try to bite you BUT would stop if you petted it. And he invited people up to try, if they wanted, but I didn't.

 **alt\_sally\_anne**

There was also one that would scream if you didn't cast a particular spell, and then he talked about what we might find in a decent home library, a really good home library, and a home library if, oh, our parents were Death Eater or Sirius Black's parents or something and what we might look for. Obviously the Strettons aren't going to have much but if anyone else was paying better attention it would probably be useful for looking through the books at 12GP next time we're there.



 **alt\_sally\_anne** at **2013-06-03 21:17:25**

*Private message to Ron*

Are you still up for a walk to a lake? Because I need to get out of here.

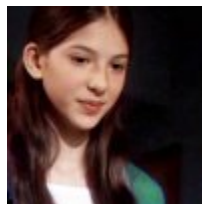


 **alt\_ron** at **2013-06-03 21:36:30**

*Re: Private message to Ron*

Yeah.

Meet you in the entrance hall?



 **alt\_sally\_anne** at **2013-06-03 21:39:50**

*Re: Private message to Ron*

Yeah.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 22:12:23](#)

*Private message to Pansy*

Do you think he knows it was us?

There's no point in worrying. If he does, apparently he's not going to kill us or hand us over to MLE.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-03 22:39:01](#)

*Re: Private message to Pansy*

I can't tell.

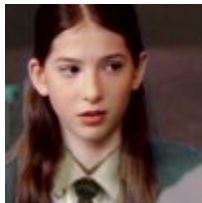
I couldn't look at him without remembering the way he looked when he cut you down.

He didn't care.

I think he liked it.

You've got a point though.

Maybe that's why he left us. Because he found out. Maybe that's what the Felix did.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-03 22:48:14](#)

*Re: Private message to Pansy*

I couldn't look at him either.

For the same reason.

If he let us go because he realised who we were, I don't even know what to think.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-03 23:15:49](#)

*Re: Private message to Pansy*

Maybe...

Maybe it's like Umbridge.

Where they sort of pretended not to see what we were doing

because it was okay. Sort of.

If it had been someone else we were rescuing, though, like Terry or Hermione, I think it would've been different.



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at 2013-06-04 01:43:41**

*Re: Private message to Pansy*

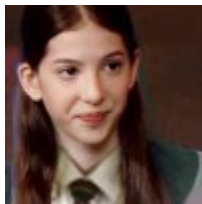
Maybe.

I mean, he doesn't like harming children even if he's fine with killing their parents. Remember that story Sirius told last autumn, about the little girl.

But if he realised it was us, and he knew what we were up to, and that's why he let us go

What are we going to say if he ever asks us what we did with Arista and Hector?

'We handed them off to Alice Longbottom to take to her secret refuge of muggleborn babies' is probably not a good answer.

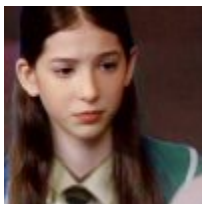


 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at 2013-06-04 01:44:22**

*Re: Private message to Pansy*

Mind you, he didn't ask today. Or try to talk to me at all.

Hopefully, he doesn't WANT to know.



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at 2013-06-04 01:51:44**

*(no subject)*

I finally saw this morning's Prophet, someone left it in the common room.

It says that there was a failed attempt to assassinate the Lord Protector on Tuesday, and that Dominic Selwyn, Theo Higgs, and Conall Drumgoole were convicted of high treason and executed. And then in the obituaries section they mention Chloe Selwyn but it doesn't say how she died and it doesn't mention Arista or Hector, even to say 'survived by her children' like most obituaries

do.

It's always weird to read news when I KNOW how much they're lying.

Oh and the piece about the wedding mentioned that the Lord Protector came and was all gushy about him showing this special favour and offering his blessing and so on and so forth but it never mentioned that he HAS NO NOSE now.

**2013-06-03 20:52:00**

*Private message to Padma*

Did you see the paper today?

Mr Rosier sent me a letter, too, it arrived today, saying basically the same. That Director Selwyn tried to assassinate the Lord Protector and was executed for it.



 [alt\\_seamus](#)


It's too bad. That he turned out to be a traitor. I've met him, a few times, at parties Mr Rosier took me to, and he was always --

Well

Anyone who would try to assassinate Our Lord deserves to die. Horribly. Can you imagine thinking he'd succeed?



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 [alt\\_padma](#) at **2013-06-05 18:28:46**  
(no subject)

Yeah. Everyone in Ravenclaw was stunned. Remember that meeting he had with some of us? With the wonderful drinks and food and all? He was so nice.

Have you had your Careers Advice yet? Parvati had hers yesterday and she thinks she might not even come back for N.E.W.T.s.



 [alt\\_seamus](#) at **2013-06-05 20:39:15**  
(no subject)

No, mine's tomorrow. I've asked Professor Dolohov to sit in, and I don't know if Madam Hooch is going to have anyone else come. Are you asking for anyone to sit in? At least Vector's a proper teacher. My Head of House just teaches flying!

That would be a shame about Parvati but she's never seemed to like lessons much. She doesn't even want to go on in Divination?



 [alt\\_seamus](#) at [2013-06-05 20:41:37](#)  
(no subject)

And yeah.

About Selwyn.

I remember that, with the drinks and food.

And when things would go wrong, he was always reassuring. Like with the Portkeys. And with the disease.



 [alt\\_seamus](#) at [2013-06-05 20:44:35](#)  
(no subject)

Being loyal doesn't always keep you safe, you know.

~~When I saw Mr Rosier at the wedding he was terri~~

I mean, my mother. Was loyal. And she had to die. For things that weren't her fault.

When they killed Selwyn, they -- I mean the Lord Protector cruciated him ~~until~~ for a long time, is what I heard, and I ~~keep~~ thinking what if it was Mr Rosier I have been thinking, what if that happened to someone who wasn't deserving. ~~What if he~~

Maybe I should go talk to Professor Dolohov. Actually, I think that would be a good idea. Aside from the Careers Advice.



 [alt\\_seamus](#) at [2013-06-05 20:51:51](#)  
(no subject)

I heard people talking at the wedding. I should have mentioned.

I didn't really know what they were talking about, or why Mr Rosier was so afraid.

And the letter

Yeah.



 **[alt\\_seamus](#)** at **[2013-06-05 22:30:08](#)**  
(no subject)

On a more cheerful note, are you going to Malfoy's party?

I hate it when we're supposed to work out on our own whether we count as 'friends.' Just invite me or don't invite me.

Although apparently WEASLEY thinks he's going! No doubt because he's hoping to snog Greengrass.

**2013-06-04 08:30:00**

*Private Message to B Lestrangle and A Dolohov*



 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#)

Sat down with Quartermayne, a pensieve, and my notes re. Croaker's apparatus this morning.

Called the design 'ingenius' (might as well call a doxy pestiferous as an unspeakable brilliant)

Said it might have worked. Theoretically possible.

Wondered aloud how many test subjects already processed.

And whether the product has been used.

By whom.

To what end.

C Selwyn knew she was only being used to recalibrate the process before it was used on the sprogs. Process age-limited. She'd also gathered from Strangeweale or Croaker that previous subjects were muggleborn or halfblood. Heard discussion of thorough cleansing they'd given it. This 'run' was meant for 'other purposes'. One can imagine. (Failure on my part: should have taken memories from CS. If we find the sprogs, older one could be useful.)

Not that the notion is a bad one entirely. Only Str taking credit. Rather think Our Lord would have viewed this project favourably. There's precedent. Batya, you weren't here when He last required pureblood sprogs for His own researches. One of His Eton projects. Suspect it might have been along these lines: life essence, distilled power. (Clever of Str to play so directly to His interests.)

Q able to make reasonable guesses re. underlying sorcery required for such a thing. Believes it should take them some time to redevelop from scratch unless, Tosha, you're mistaken about the extent of the damage. (If you gave it more than a cursory glance when you returned for CS, Q asks to see the memory.)



 [alt\\_antonin](#) at **2013-06-05 01:45:00**

*(no subject)*

Oh, the device is unquestionably ingenious. It is simply that the purpose for which it was designed is not one that we could call desirable. I do not wish to think how Our Lord would react to someone who



presented Him with such a process -- particularly if that person were Strangeweale or Croaker. We are not, I think, in such good graces that we could weather such a storm gracefully and without consequence.

When next we have time together uninterrupted by questions of strategy and politics -- likely not until I have finished out the term and we are not so besieged upon all sides -- you must tell me of that precedent. I believe I know that of which you are speaking, but if I am correct, it ought not be entrusted to writing no matter how sure Lyoushka is of the eyes and ears.

I do not believe I am mistaken about the damage, though I did not take a close enough look to be certain. I hope I am not mistaken. Such things ought not exist.



 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at [2013-06-05 05:42:57](#)

*Private Message to Batya*

Point taken re messages here.

Will reserve matters historical. Only wish to press you on your scruples, here. I confess that the modes of research used by Mysteries cross beyond the pale, offend the senses--the matter of my mother is an easy case in point, but so in another way is the room of whispers, or the vessel of living thought--those things cause the hackles to rise, instinctively. And yet, Batya, would you have them leave their enquiries into what lies beyond the present bounds of knowledge? Do you draw a line that precludes study?

Or merely application?

Is it your case that to apply is to debase? You'll admit only the untarnished ideal of theoretical inquiry?

But I know this is not true in all fields for you.

And I don't mean to provoke, Batya. Not rudely. I see your reservation with respect to those you view as innocents. I allowed you your way in that matter, and will ask no questions. Even as the investigation cannot be dropped. You know that, I'm sure.

But I do wonder whether your limits have narrowed of late. And,

yes, we can talk of this and more when you are home, only- I would rather not wait. I want to pick apart the spellcraft, the genius of its architecture, the beauty of its design. The power of it.

We've been witnesses to such power of late. Few ever have such an opportunity.



 [alt\\_bellatrix](#) at [2013-06-05 20:27:32](#)

*(no subject)*

I find it quite unfortunate that you dismiss the potential uses of such a device even while giving a nod to its ingenuity.

Really, Tosha, it is so very unlike you to dismiss anything ingenious out of hand and without careful contemplation, so please, do enlighten us as to why such things ought not exist? I am curious to know how you reached your conclusions.

I must say that it's terribly amusing that Strangeweale thought himself qualified to take credit for such creation. Thank Our Lord that *that*, at least, did not come to pass.

**2013-06-04 14:52:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*



I have something to tell everyone.

I've been meaning to bring it up for a while, but I never knew the right time, and it was - it wasn't an easy matter for me to come to terms with, when I found out about what I could do. I tried to make it go away but it didn't work and-

 [alt\\_hydra](#)

I'm not just an occlumens, I'm also a legilimens. Justin and Sally Anne know. So does Hermione, sort of. I can do the same things Mummy does.

And the reason I'm telling you now is because I know that most of you are worried about what Professor Dolohov saw, and how much he knows.

Well, I can try to find out. It will be dangerous, of course, and it would require careful planning. I don't want him to know what I can do, after all. I don't want anyone to ever know except for us. But I won't do it unless you think I should. And I might need your help, figuring out how to go about it.

I'm sorry I didn't tell you before now.




 [alt\\_draco](#) at **2013-06-04 21:10:15**  
(no subject)

You can read people's minds? No spell required?

Why would you ever try to make it *go away*? I realise that the people with that particular gift tend to be extraordinarily mental, and, of late, either maimed or repulsively nose-less, but still - do you know how much this changes things? How much it might even out the pitch?

You ought to have told us.




 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-04 21:15:34](#)  
(no subject)

I know how much it changes things now, but I had to think about it first. For a while.

told you. What I ought to have done doesn't matter now I've




 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-04 21:19:40](#)  
*Private message to Hydra*

What's it like?

Despite your personal feelings on the matter, you must realise that it's a gift that many people would cut off more than a finger for.




 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-04 21:22:04](#)  
*Re: Private message to Hydra*

Confusing, mostly. It's like the first time you walk through the castle in the dark. There are staircases that turn and disappear and lead nowhere, and faces that come and go, and random laughter and shouting.

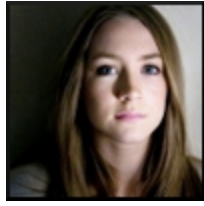
But if you pay attention to can find your way through it.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-04 21:27:54](#)  
*Re: Private message to Hydra*

I meant how does it make *you* feel.

Knowing what others are thinking about you, and how they think of you, and knowing where things stand. It must be comforting, or something. To have absolutes.



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-04 21:31:08](#)

*Re: Private message to Hydra*

I'm not so sure. People can change their mind at any time, especially when it comes to what they think about other people. It's comforting, yes, but also not.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-04 21:35:30](#)

*Re: Private message to Hydra*

I suppose they can.

And you know I can occlude, right? So don't come around trying to have a peek at my exquisite grey matter.

Just taking the mick - I know you won't. ~~But don't~~



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-04 21:12:52](#)

*Private message to Hermione (and Harry, whatever)*

Is it really true that you've known?

Why didn't you tell me Harry and me?



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-04 21:37:15](#)

*Re: Private message to Hermione (and Harry, whatever)*

Well, she never said for sure--I mean, she never exactly admitted that she could do it but I suspected for a while. And, well, when *I tried* to ask her she even denied it for a while, so...I thought I'd wait until she either came to it herself or proved me wrong.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-04 21:46:28](#)

*Re: Private message to Hermione (and Harry, whatever)*

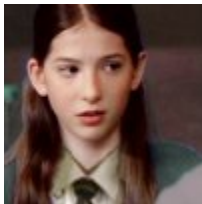
That sounds like a lot of "whiles."

I guess I keep forgetting that you've always had

tonnes of secrets that you've kept from Harry and me.

~~Who do you~~

Right. That's to be expected - it only makes sense, and is the intelligent thing to do.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-04 21:13:37](#)  
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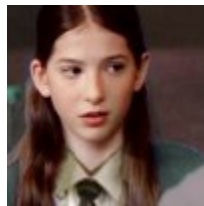
I can't decide if trying to read Professor Dolohov's mind is a really good idea, or a really bad idea.

There isn't any way he could tell you were doing it, is there?



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-04 21:17:33](#)  
(no subject)

I don't think so, though I suppose everyone's different. And he's very skilled in almost everything.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-04 21:21:16](#)  
(no subject)

He is, but he doesn't know how to occlude. At least, he said he can't, when I asked him about occlumency back in the autumn (because I wanted to learn how to do it and this was before the Order decided to teach all of us.) He has books on it, of course, and he let me borrow some of them.

So it would probably work.

How would we make him think about the right things, without -- I mean if he DOESN'T know it was us and we ask him leading questions like 'how did you enjoy the wedding? anything interesting happen?' he might suddenly realise.



 **[alt\\_hydra](#)** at **[2013-06-04 21:24:15](#)**  
(no subject)

He might think about it without us asking anything. Especially if he does know something, because then it's probably on his mind.

Or, if he saw some of us together, say. Even just me and Justin.




 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-04 21:28:55](#)**  
(no subject)

That's a good point.

It shouldn't be more than two. You and Justin, or you and me. With a reason to go see him like 'I'd like to borrow a book about...' or something like that.

Have you or Justin ever gone, during his office hours? To chat with him or borrow books?



 **[alt\\_hydra](#)** at **[2013-06-04 21:37:39](#)**  
(no subject)

A few times, and I was with him once. He doesn't go a lot, though.



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-04 21:41:50](#)**  
(no subject)

I-gø I've gone a lot.

So if you want the least suspicious scenario if he DOESN'T know it was us, then the two of us should go together and we should tell him that you've got some new interest in some topic most people don't know much about and I told you that Professor Dolohov would have books about it because he has books about everything and so we came together to see him and get books.

We probably shouldn't ask about horcruxes. That might be a

little suspicious in completely different ways. I wonder, though, if he



 **[alt\\_hydra](#)** at **[2013-06-04 21:51:48](#)**  
(no subject)

What would Professor Dolohov have special knowledge of that my parents couldn't answer?

Maybe types of magic that aren't common to England? Something Egyptian.



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-04 22:02:57](#)**  
(no subject)

Either Egyptian or Russian magic.

This year, let me try to remember. He's loaned me books about building things and making things (that are magic, I mean), and books about runework. And cursed runework. I suppose you could get anything like that from your father.

Poisons and antidotes. Curses, and undoing curses or mitigating their effects. Magical jewelry. Occlumency. Resisting compulsion magic. Casting compulsion magic. The Healing research underlying the cruciatus spell and its applications in the Healing areas.

Magics you can cast on objects to find out who made them (and obviously this is really about how to make sure that no one knows YOU made it) and then there were a bunch of other books about magic you can use to find stuff out about magic that's been cast on someone or something (and again, how to avoid being detected that way) and concealment magic generally.

Anything there sound promising? I'm probably forgetting some of what ~~we talked about~~ I borrowed.

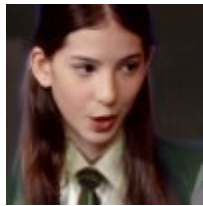





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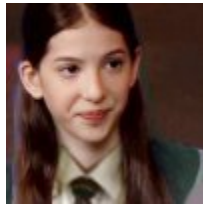
I don't know what all Mummy and Daddy know or have in their libraries, but hopefully he doesn't, either. I would think they'd have lots of books about curses and jewelry and anything related to objects and concealment.

Probably not so many on healing and antidotes and poisons and things, though - especially if they come from Egypt or Russia.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-04 22:08:35](#)  
(no subject)

Honestly even if it WAS something your mum would have in her library, I doubt he'd find it all that surprising if you preferred to talk to him instead.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-04 22:10:40](#)  
(no subject)

But maybe poisons and antidotes? That makes it easy. They're not covered in Potions until NEWTs and you could be curious because, oh, you heard some of the older students talking.

You asked me because you know I'm hoping to become a Healer and I said, 'oh, let's go see Professor Dolohov, he has LOADS of books about poisons and antidotes, including all sorts of really unusual and interesting ones that have particularly interesting effects instead of just killing you dead!'

Of course the risk we run if we ask an interesting questions is that he'll be thinking about the answer.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-04 21:36:01](#)

*Private Message to Dux*

Hullo, sweetheart,

I'm quite proud of you, you know. That was very brave.

Love,

-J



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-04 21:40:02](#)

*Re: Private Message to Dux*

Well, no one's cross with me yet at least.

Draco's gone a bit funny, though. He said it must be comforting to know where you stand with everyone, and where others stand on things - I think that's what he meant, anyway. I told him it wasn't quite like that but sometimes I think he hears what he wants to hear.

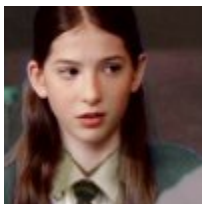


 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-05 01:04:21](#)

*(no subject)*

Thanks for telling, Hydra.

That's good to know.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-05 03:19:25](#)

*Private message to Hydra*

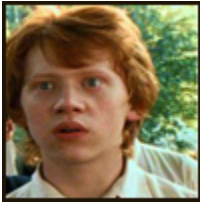
Isn't anyone going to tell us it's a bad idea to try to legitimise Dolohov? I was ~~actually~~ kind of hoping



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-05 03:21:18](#)

*Re: Private message to Hydra*

I suppose not?



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-05 03:26:59](#)

*(no subject)*

You're a-

What?



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-05 03:27:49](#)

*(no subject)*

Legilimens?



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-05 03:30:29](#)


*(no subject)*

Um.

Yeah, okay.

That's



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-05 03:32:35](#)

*(no subject)*

I mean, gosh, Hydra.

That'll be dead useful and-


Can you do it without a person knowing you are?



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-05 03:33:54](#)  
(no subject)

Yes.




 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-05 03:49:24](#)  
(no subject)

Um.

Well, isn't that awkward?

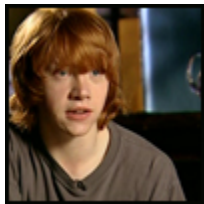
A bit.




 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-05 03:51:04](#)  
(no subject)

I haven't done it to you. Only to Justin, Cassie Calderwood, and Madam Umbridge.

Oh, and Remy but that was by accident.




 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-05 03:53:30](#)  
(no subject)

By accident?

You mean, you can't- not?



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-05 03:55:52](#)  
(no subject)

I can now, but that was before I knew it was happening. And it was only because Remy was thinking about me. I kept mistaking that he was talking to me out loud, and then when I answered him, he got spooked, of course.



 **alt\_neville** at **2013-06-05 04:26:56**  
(no subject)

First of all, thanks for telling us. I can appreciate why you would want to keep something like that private, particularly if you had to come to terms with it.

Second, as for the question of trying to legitimise Professor Dolohov. I reckon you need to consider carefully whaddye call 'em, the costs and benefits. You say it could be dangerous. If he could detect it, yeah, that would definitely be bad, and it would certainly rivet his attention.


I know some of you like him, but I get dead uncomfortable whenever he focuses that really hyper-focused attention on me.

On the other hand, what are the benefits? If it's just to ease our minds, well, my Dad always says that growing up means learning to live with uncertainty. But maybe it could give us some valuable information. What that could be, though, I dunno.

Oh, and one other thing. I don't think there's any point on thinking less of people for things about them that they can't help about themselves, and it sounds like that's what legitimancy is for you. On the other hand, what counts is how you use it. You're thinking of using it here to assess danger and protect your friends. That sounds like a decent reason to me--as long as you think it's worth the risk. And unfortunately, I don't really know enough about legitimancy (or Professor Dolohov, for that matter) to be able to judge that.

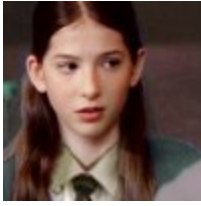
Uh, I'm not sure that's much help.



 **alt\_hydra** at **2013-06-05 12:46:07**  
(no subject)

Yes, I want to protect my friends.

But to be honest, I also want to see if I can do it. Which might be a bad impulse, maybe.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-05 15:04:52](#)  
(no subject)

That's not entirely a bad impulse. I mean right now, it's hard to know if it will be useful until you try. But there might come a time when we REALLY need you to do it, and if you haven't practiced it at all, you know, it will be harder.

I think we should. As soon as we can. ~~Before I lose my nerve~~

**2013-06-04 23:07:00**

*Order Only: Bea and Beth and  
Some Other Things If I Remember  
What They Were Going To Be*



 [\*\*alt\\_nymphadora\*\*](#)

We had a nice birthday supper here tonight with fairy cakes and pressies, and later, everyone in the garden sang (totally inappropriate) choruses to make her laugh. I think Bea had a very fine time learning that she's accomplished a very big thing by growing to be TWO.

And she has been growing. And growing and growing! It's lucky she had a birthday so we could give her new robes! And shoes and everything else! Not that she only got boring old clothes. She has a very nice set of blocks that dutifully stack just the way she wants them, her very own feather duster and mop bucket just like her mum's, some very clever books (and one or two seditious ones that we left at home). Oh, and something called a WhizzzBang! That burples and pings and shrieks, and spins wildly around the room, making people hop out of the way to avoid having their ankles dented. (Thank you, Uncle Charlie. We can't wait until you come to visit so we can show you just how very grateful we all are.)


So. A fine evening all around!

And we've news to share. As busy as we've all been, taking advantage of the winking eye of authority, Beth's people have been just as active. And they were through our place with several groups with Ellie keeping the place running. All went well, and a total of eighteen people (a record for us) used our space as a stop along their way to the north coast in preparation for a solstice trip to Norway, they hope.

I'm sure there were other things I was going to write, but I can't remember any of them, so I'm just going to call this enough. I hope you're all well and that the news is good from your parts of the Protectorate.

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 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-06 03:24:39](#)  
(no subject)

I re-read those Tales of Beedle the Bard after Bea was done opening them and realised I'd forgotten how utterly grim the Warlock's Hairy Heart was. We are not reading that one to her for a few years yet.


The Fountain of Fair Fortune is still as lovely as I remember, at least. I'm pretty sure that's the reason the book got banned.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-06 03:29:50](#)  
(no subject)

I've never read them but with a name like 'The Warlock's Hairy Heart' are you surprised it's grim?




 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-06 03:34:40](#)  
(no subject)

No, I'd just forgot this one was even in there.

I remembered 'The Fountain of Fair Fortune' really well, and the Three Brothers, and I dimly remembered the hopping pot. I'd forgotten Babbity Rabbity and the Warlock's Hairy Heart. Probably my parents never read me that one, either.

You probably never read them because they're *seditious*. The Hopping Pot suggests that wizards have a moral obligation to help muggles, and in the Fountain of Fair Fortune there's a Witch that marries a muggle as part of the happily ever after.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-06 03:35:25](#)  
(no subject)

I mean I'd forgotten Babbity Rabbity AND I'd forgotten the Warlock's Hairy Heart.

Babbity Rabbity and the Warlock's Hairy Heart is a story I'd like to read, mind you.





 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-06 03:37:54](#)  
(no subject)

I'm not sure which would be more traumatic: a Hairy Heart or *any* kind of rabbit named Babbity.

We're just lucky Bea doesn't understand why we're celebrating late, you know. As long as those blocks stack she's happy.

(By the bye, did you see the look on Kreacher when she smeared herself with icing?)



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-06 03:41:02](#)  
(no subject)

No. Did he look approving or appalled?




 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-06 03:42:29](#)  
(no subject)

Appalled, of course. To think that in the House of Black a child could behave with such a lack of dignity!

You know, I really ought to see if I can find Bea a toy motorcycle.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-06 03:44:18](#)  
(no subject)

I could check at that same junk shop where I found Beedle the Bard.


Or have one brought from France with the wands. We'll have to keep it at 12GP with the seditious books, mind you.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-06 03:50:23](#)  
(no subject)

Oh, good idea. I bet Aleks could find one easily.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-06 03:44:54](#)  
(no subject)

I'm surprised Kreacher was appalled. If it inconveniences you, me, or Dora, he's usually pretty pleased with whatever Bea does.




 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-06 03:49:40](#)  
(no subject)

Well, perhaps he was just upset that more of his lovely frosting ended up on her face than inside her.

Though it would have served him right if we'd made him put her to bed after all that sugar.




 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-06 03:41:10](#)  
(no subject)

Yes, speaking of the solstice - Frank, we should be thinking about the trip.

I've got the usual supplies coming through Aleks, and he wrote this week to say he's secured a further 30 wands. Who are we bringing out for the return to France?



 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-07 01:14:47](#)  
(no subject)

agreed.

thirty is brill. with that, the haul we've got from ollivanders, and melli's work, we might make a real dent in things.

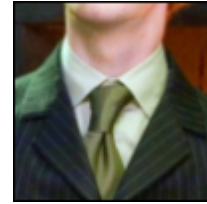
I'll see who Davidson's scraped together, and we might try for a bit of a break out in one of the camps where we've made inroads while MLE's still sorting out their heads from the arses. doncaster, maybe.

**2013-06-05 06:13:00**

*Private message to Bill Weasley*

Can you meet with me?

Not lunch--I mean, not any of our usual places.  
Somewhere we can't be overheard.



 [alt\\_percy](#)

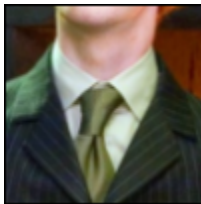


 [alt\\_bill](#) at **2013-06-05 11:16:51**

*(no subject)*

Of course, Perce.

*Muffliato* isn't enough?



 [alt\\_percy](#) at **2013-06-05 11:18:15**

*(no subject)*

No, no. I'd rather be somewhere completely private.

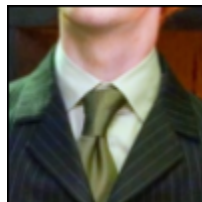
Could you come to the flat for dinner? I can order  
take out from that curry place that you like.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at **2013-06-05 11:20:52**

*(no subject)*

Sure, I can do that. Curry sounds good, and I'd be  
glad to see you.




 [alt\\_percy](#) at **2013-06-05 11:21:18**

*(no subject)*

It's just...recent events....

Mr Malfoy. He's not himself.



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-05 11:21:48](#)**  
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I'll swing by after work.

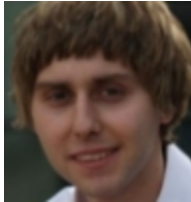
**2013-06-05 10:04:00**


*Happy birthday, Draco!*

Many happy returns and all that.



 **alt\_sally\_anne**



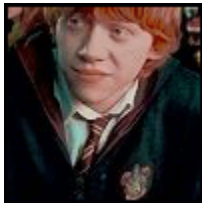
 **alt\_justin** at **2013-06-05 15:45:58**

*(no subject)*

Indeed, Sally-Anne!

Draco, best wishes of the day. I say, it must be well refreshing to celebrate your birthday when you're *not* in the midst of exams, for once!

-Justin



 **alt\_ron** at **2013-06-05 18:25:44**

*(no subject)*

Yeah, returns of the day and all.

Hope you find something amusing to do to celebrate.

**2013-06-05 14:03:00**

*Party for Draco!*

Happy Birthday, Draco! Now, I know you were a bit under the weather after the wedding, but I hope you don't mind if I've put together a little soirée in your honour! It's not every day that one turns sixteen, after all! It ought to be a day to remember.




 [alt\\_daphne](#)

So, I hope those of you who consider Draco a friend will join us in the Slytherin common room this evening. There will be plenty of food and refreshments, as well as dancing and music. Oh, and decorations, of course!


See you all after supper!



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at **2013-06-05 22:12:49**  
*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Happy birthday, Draco.




 [alt\\_draco](#) at **2013-06-05 22:18:24**  
*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Thanks.

Too bad you can't come to the party. Daphs always gets way too much food.



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at **2013-06-05 22:24:00**  
*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Oh, it's all right. I don't fancy parties much. And I can hear the music from here, anyway.

Besides, Sally-Anne loaned me some of the books she'd borrowed from Professor Dolohov and Mr Snape gave me a Potions assignment to redact, so I've loads to do.

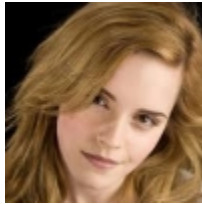


 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-05 22:33:48](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

What are the books?

I've seen those potions assignments he gives you, they're not easy. More difficult than Slughorn's, I reckon.



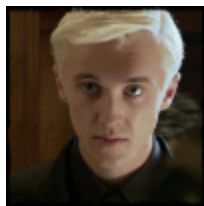
 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-06 02:59:25](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Oh, just some Runes texts and a really interesting journal article about Occlumency.

I think Mr Snape's actually a better Potioneer than Professor Slughorn, to be honest. I mean, not that I've gone to school to Professor Slughorn, of course, but I've seen the assignments he's given you lot and they presume that very few of you are going to go on for Potions in anything other than the common uses. I'm sure he's a Master Potioneer and he could brew far more complicated things than he normally does for lessons. I suppose his N.E.W.T. lessons might be quite different. But Mr Snape's were difficult from the beginning, but then, he knew I'd we'd already made Polyjuice.

Did you have fun?



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-06 03:22:22](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Oh, Runes. Sometimes I wonder if I ought have taken that instead of Creatures - not just because it's more rigorous, but the stench of animals gets to be a bit much.

My Potions OWL practical was draught of peace, which I had no trouble with, so I suppose Slughorn prepared us well enough. Oh, did you hear the written was on Polyjuice? Too bad it wasn't the practical, but I suppose the ingredients are just too valuable and scarce.

I had fun. Yeah. It was fun.



Was the music too loud?



**alt\_hermione** at **2013-06-06 05:14:18**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

No, it was fine here. The music, I mean.

Well, as you know, one of the ingredients of Polyjuice is boomslang skin and that's nearly impossible to come by, and the other thing is that they hardly want the students to produce a ready supply of Polyjuice, even if it's not all expertly brewed.

I think you'd be good at Runes, it's a lot of drawing and it's sort of like calligraphy and you're good at that. It probably would be pretty easy for you.

Are you going to start snogging Sam Montgomery now? Only she was just in the girls' bathrooms saying she had loads of fun.



**alt\_draco** at **2013-06-06 05:29:30**

*Private message to Hermione (and Harry etc)*

Yeah, maybe I'll study up on Runes this summer, just for the snitch of it.

I'm not snogging anyone. Why, what was she saying, exactly?



**alt\_hermione** at **2013-06-06 05:38:37**

*Re: Private message to Hermione (and Harry etc)*


Well, I couldn't hear her exactly but she was telling Lizzie how you weren't sure at first but then you were 'eager to please' and that younger lads are much more willing than someone who's older.

And then she said something I couldn't hear and Lizzie giggled a lot and said that 'Rich doesn't even do that and

we've been dating for ages!' and then they both giggled again.

Did you really go in the cupboard with Gaia Chambers as well? Because I've heard Higgs and Montague say that she's diseased (although I'm not sure I believe that, I don't think Madam Pomfrey would let anyone go round diseased, do you? I think they just mean she tries it on with loads of boys).



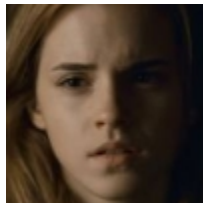
 **[alt\\_draco](#) at 2013-06-06 05:49:21**

*Re: Private message to Hermione (and Harry etc)*

Bloody nightshade. You seriously believed all that? That sounds like a fantasy letter to a gent's magazine. Mind, it's not my fault if some bird, or birds, take a notion to fantasise about me.

Sam's probably trying to make Lizzie jealous again. She's always had it better than Lizzie, except Lizzie's had Vaisey forever.

Anyway, don't pay it any mind. You can't really be that interested in my love life.



 **[alt\\_hermione](#) at 2013-06-06 05:53:35**

*Re: Private message to Hermione (and Harry etc)*

Well, you did ask.

And anyway, it's not that I was *interested*, except for when Samantha said she was surprised you hadn't done anything like that with Pansy. I mean, I always assumed you and Pansy were like--Justin and Hydra, I guess.

But then Harry's not done anything more than snog, really, either, so maybe that's normal.

I'm really tired. Aren't you?



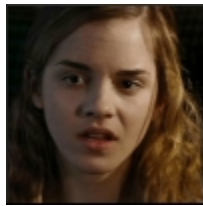
 **alt\_draco** at **2013-06-06 05:58:05**

*Re: Private message to Hermione (and Harry etc)*

Justin and Hydra are still together, if you hadn't noticed.

Look, I don't really want to talk about this anymore. But if you could keep from saying anything about it to Pansy, I'd appreciate it. I'll tell Samantha to stop being delusional in the morning.

Yeah, I'm tired. Which is why I'm going to bed now.



 **alt\_hermione** at **2013-06-06 06:03:23**

*Re: Private message to Hermione (and Harry etc)*

Of course but why should that--

Oh, unless you mean....

All right, good night.

Only. You didn't break up with Pansy because she wouldn't shag you, did you? Because that's not a nice thing to do to a girl, pressure her like that, I mean. It's different for girls, you know, they can't just have sex wherever and whenever they want to.

I mean, I didn't think that was why you broke up, I thought it was because of the lock, but the way you said that made me think maybe there was more to it. Not that you're the sort of person who would stop seeing a girl because she wasn't interested in shagging.

Well, anyway. Sorry I asked. Good night!



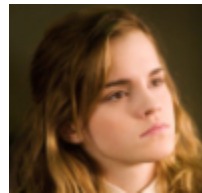
 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-06 06:13:16](#)

*Re: Private message to Hermione (and Harry etc)*

*What? You're so not sorry. I very highly doubt that you are sorry in any way, shape, or form.*

You just have to know everything about everything, don't you? You don't rest until you have *allll* the details and understand something to its very core. That's what it is.

But since you **MUST KNOW**, no, that's not why I ended things with Pansy.



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-06 13:19:46](#)

*Re: Private message to Hermione (and Harry etc)*

Well, I'm glad. That it wasn't because of something like that, I mean, not that you ended things. Obviously I wouldn't be glad about that part.

And I *was* sorry, it's none of my business what you do, and it was wrong to ask.

It just...you know, with people like Letchley about, people like me and Sally-Anne have to worry that a boy will just assume he can have what he wants. And I wouldn't have wanted to think you could treat someone that way, much less a pureblood you care about. So it's good that I was wrong and just, maybe, reacting to something I shouldn't let bother me.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-06 15:20:01](#)

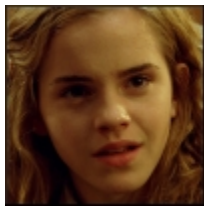
*Re: Private message to Hermione (and Harry etc)*

Look, I'm really not cross that you asked. But it's just baffling that you would ask something, then regret it, then go ahead and ask anyway instead of scratching it all out or something. And the way you ask questions, it's like I can see how you're

thinking right there in the way that you write, how your head goes back and forth over things like someone chasing a snitch. It's - well it's something, is all.

So since your brain couldn't keep itself from wondering if I'm a total pillock like "Letchley," I can assure you that I'm not. I was never anything but a complete gentleman with Pansy, and same goes for Sam and Gaia, really.

I'm sure there are loads of pillocks who would describe themselves as gentlemen, though, which is why clever girls just save themselves the worry and assume that they're all pillocks. So, I reckon that makes you one of the clever ones.



 **[alt\\_hermione](#)** at **[2013-06-06 15:34:07](#)**

*Re: Private message to Hermione (and Harry etc)*

Well, that's just ridiculous. Obviously you'd see that I'd scratched out a great huge paragraph and either you'd ask what I scratched out or you'd just wonder what it was that I didn't think I could say to you. That's just silly. Who does that?

Who've you asked to be in Careers Advice? It's today isn't it? Right after Harry's?



 **[alt\\_draco](#)** at **[2013-06-06 15:39:52](#)**

*Re: Private message to Hermione (and Harry etc)*

Some people scratch out that much. I'm not one of them, I hardly ever scratch anything out. And I'd prefer that people just say what's on their mind, really.

I'm meeting with Slughorn, Raz, and Dolohov. Just like a good future council member should.



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-06 15:43:35](#)

*Re: Private message to Hermione (and Harry etc)*

Careful or someone will accuse you of turning Gryffindor! I suppose hanging about with Harry and me might do that, though.

Is that what you want to do? Join the Council? What if your father told you you didn't have to do it?



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-06 16:33:59](#)

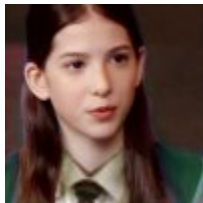
*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Yeah, what you asked about joining the council. Of course Father's always spoken as if I, too, will naturally be a part of it one day. I suppose he hasn't said as much about it as of late, though.

Sometimes I wonder if he really can't see how utterly insane and depraved the Lord Protector is. He may be many things, Father, but an idiot is not one of them.

I don't know, if I had my way he and Mother would be made to see the light and would go away to France before it's too late. If it isn't already.

Even if Father says I don't have to join the council, the Lord Protector will have me if he wants me, one way or the other.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 00:48:57](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Do you want us to save anything for you?




 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-05 23:35:55](#)  
(no subject)

It's a lovely party, Daphs. I'd expect no less from you!

And many happy returns, Draco.




 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-05 23:37:19](#)  
*Private Message to Daphne*

Thank you for putting this together.

Harry's been so busy with OWLs lately and he's just pants at putting on a party. And it would've been rather awkward if I had.

Anyways. I just know he appreciates it.




 [alt\\_daphne](#) at [2013-06-06 00:29:25](#)  
*Re: Private Message to Daphne*

Of course! I mean, I know *someone* had to throw him a party - he's Draco Malfoy! Though did you see that hamper he received this morning? I think it's the largest he's ever received! It must be from his parents.

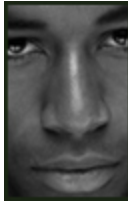
Samantha actually wanted to be the one to organise everything but I talked her down - if she were inviting people then Ron and probably a lot of others would have felt too intimidated to come.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-06 02:10:02](#)  
*Re: Private Message to Daphne*

She can be a bit snobbish, can't she?

And apparently quite overly familiar too.

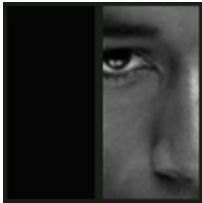



 **[alt\\_blaise](#)** at **[2013-06-06 03:51:39](#)**  
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Well done, you. It was a perfectly gauged fête.

Cheers, Malfoy. Thanks for being the excuse for Daphs to stage a brilliant evening.


Many happy returns, mate.



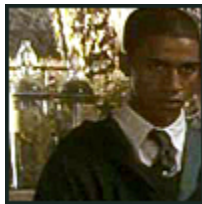
 **[alt\\_blaise](#)** at **[2013-06-06 03:56:27](#)**  
*Private Message to Draco*


So it looked as if you'd a bit of a private celebration with Samantha, then? Did she give you the full birthday treatment? I hear she's had her eye on you for a while. Was she worth the bother?



 **[alt\\_draco](#)** at **[2013-06-06 03:59:29](#)**  
*Re: Private Message to Draco*

Not sure what you're asking, mate, but I assure you what you think happened isn't what happened.



 **[alt\\_blaise](#)** at **[2013-06-06 04:55:30](#)**  
*Re: Private Message to Draco*

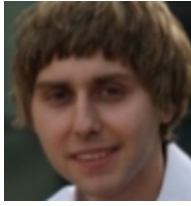
That's a shame. I hear she's a bit of all right with her tongue. If you take my meaning.




 **[alt\\_daphne](#)** at **[2013-06-06 05:38:40](#)**  
(no subject)

I'm pleased you enjoyed yourself, Blaise.





 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-06 04:04:04](#)  
(no subject)

Cheers, Daphne,


It was quite a pleasant party. Sorry Hydra had to leave so early, what?

But I say, it was kind of you to invite everyone. A bit of the post-O.W.L. spirit is still with us, I think!

(And only another week to go, which seems bally well unbelievable, what?)

-Justin



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-06 05:37:57](#)  
(no subject)

Yes, what F-F said, Daphs. Brilliant party, but I'd expect no less from you. Thanks for thinking of me.

**2013-06-05 23:23:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good: Private Message to Dux*



 [alt\\_justin](#)

Hullo,

Are you feeling any better? Was the music too loud? Too many sweets?

Perhaps I should have insisted you go to the hospital wing instead of just lying down in your dormitory. Then I could at least have stayed with you, what. Perhaps Madam Pomfrey would have let me stay the night as well, or given me more Dreamless Sleep.

I say, it's well ridiculous at our age to be afraid of the dark.

We're quite the pair, aren't we?

-Justin



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at **2013-06-06 03:35:41**

*(no subject)*

Too many sweets? No. The music was a bit loud. Not louder than usual, but my head still doesn't feel quite right. And I don't need the hospital wing, I think I just need to be alone and try to sort out everything I saw and heard. It all leaves me a bit dizzy.

Also, it's a bit frightening, but I don't remember the conversation that Sally Anne and I had with Professor Dolohov. She told me that it was more or less a perfectly normal conversation as far as conversations about poisons and antidotes go, but it's all a blank to me. I only remember what I got from his mind.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at **2013-06-06 03:46:14**

*(no subject)*

Oh, you two went and did that today, what?

See here, if it's going to make you ill every time, perhaps it's better to focus on Occlumency and only being prepared to hear thoughts in passing, as it were.

But.... Well, it *was* a dashed good idea and something we needed to know. What did you learn?

-Justin




 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-06 03:57:47](#)  
(no subject)

Sally Anne wanted to do it today, yes, and so did I. Before we changed our mind.

I don't know if it will always feel this way. It was different from you and Madam Umbridge and Cassie. Maybe because it was more like eavesdropping than actually asking direct questions. And his mind is complicated and the things he was thinking were hard to fathom. I'm trying to write it all down on separate parchment so I can make sense of it.

A lot. I learned a lot. Right now I suppose the one thing I can tell you for certain is that he does know that it was us.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-06 04:06:33](#)  
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Yes, I can imagine one would want to write it down before one starts to forget.

Does anyone in Slytherin keep headache remedies on hand? It might help.

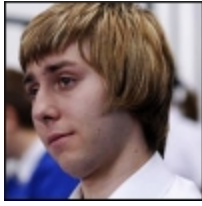
-Justin




 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-06 04:08:28](#)  
(no subject)

My head doesn't ache, exactly. It's more that it feels very very tired. But I need to finish writing before I sleep.

Norma might have something, though.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-06 04:40:33](#)  
(no subject)


Well, don't stay up too late. You've exams in the morning.

(Hark at me, I ought to take my own advice,

what!)

-J




 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-06 04:46:14](#)  
(no subject)

Yes, you should.

Try to sleep, alright? And I will too, soon.

Love,  
Hydra



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-06 05:00:15](#)  
(no subject)

All right, I'll try.

I say, if I can't, perhaps Jack could stay with me tomorrow?

Sweet dreams, dearest,

-Justin

**2013-06-06 01:20:00**

*Private Message to Sally-Anne*

Samantha Montgomery?

Samantha Montgomery.

Honestly.

I know. I've no right to

We're not

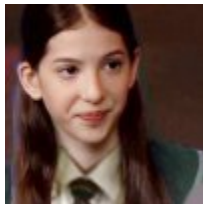
Still. That doesn't mean I have to like watching Samantha Montgomery do her best to shove her tongue down his throat.

Ugh.

Ugh ugh ugh ugh ugh.




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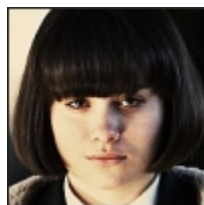
 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-06 13:52:20**  
(no subject)


If it's any comfort, he looked to me like he wanted to scrape her off his shoe.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at **2013-06-06 14:30:40**  
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Yes, that does help.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at **2013-06-06 15:17:58**  
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Did you hear her talking this morning?

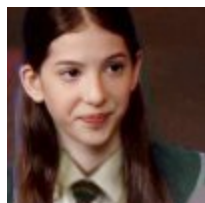
Like she

And he

You know, whatever. She's an enormous liar. He'd never just up and do that. He's not that kind of person.

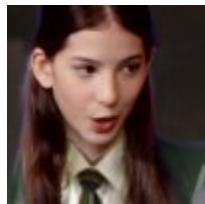
Not that it really ought to matter, because he might fall in love with somebody else who doesn't keep things from him but thinking of him shagging someone else even if it is stupid Samantha who doesn't mean anything to him still hurts. And it hurts more because she doesn't mean anything to him. If that makes sense.

I really do want to slap her.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 15:50:38](#)  
(no subject)

If you slap her people will gossip about you. Better to hex her from behind so no one knows it was you.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 15:52:14](#)  
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Anyway.

I think she's lying. The people who are actually up to that sort of thing don't brag about it like she

does.

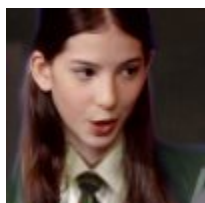


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(no subject)

Point.

It would still be incredibly satisfying.

Let's see if we can't make her underthings itchy or something.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 15:58:02](#)  
(no subject)

I know just the hex for that.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 15:57:39](#)

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

And you will get over him. It doesn't mean it doesn't hurt that he's flirting with other girls, now, but eventually you won't care, at least not nearly so much. Or you'll wish him well and you'll honestly hope he finds someone who makes him happy, because you'll have found someone who makes you happy. Someone you could share secrets with all along (or, you had to keep secrets from for a while but when you told them the truth they understood why. I mean you really ~~COULDN'T~~ tell Draco, what ~~did he~~ And didn't mind.)



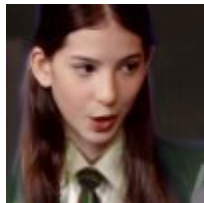
 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-06 16:28:22](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Yeah. Well. Even though Neville's a brick, he's really not my type.

...I don't think that person exists. At least not right now. Not for me.

Kidding. Sort of. Anyways. I'll be fine.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 16:30:59](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

There's always the Twins.

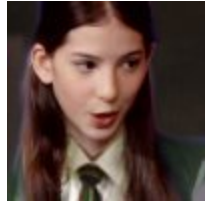
(Kidding.)



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*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

(sort of?)



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 16:42:30](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Well, do you fancy them?

There's Lee Jordan, too. I don't know. I think the Twins are more fanciable but it's well-established I like gingers.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-06 16:52:42](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Lee's a bit of a closed book, isn't he?

And Fred's sweet on Johnson, although I'm not sure how serious they are. Or how serious either of the twins are about dating anyone, really.

But we were working together on a business project before NEWTs and OWLs and Umbridges sort of took over, and I didn't mind their company. And George isn't seeing anyone at the moment.

So maybe I'm not doomed.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 16:44:41](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

There's the whole Order, too.

Charlie Weasley. Mmm. Like a preview of Ron and the Twins when they're a bit older. And he's funny and I like his hands. He's a bit old for you, though.





 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-06 16:57:04](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

You really do have it bad, don't you? I blame Kiss a Ginger.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 17:25:09](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

I don't know, at this point frankly I'm thinking that maybe we should just plan to be old ladies together and raise kneazels.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-06 19:06:19](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

I would like that. Very much.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 13:55:16](#)

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Ron spent the evening talking to Harry -- and Draco! -  
- and ignoring me.

I feel like such an idiot for kissing him. Like he must feel about me the way Draco feels about Samantha.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-06 14:30:04](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

No!

No.

He doesn't think that way at all. He's just being stupid. Didn't he go for a walk with you the other day? What did he say? Did he want you to go for a walk again?

He stayed with you all night in the infirmary, Sally-Anne. He cares

about you.

Maybe

Okay, so it could be a couple of things. Maybe he thinks that the only reason you kissed him is because you were about to die and you didn't really mean it, so he doesn't want to assume anything.

Maybe he doesn't like you that way (which is idiotic of him, but you really can't help that).

Or maybe he's just scared, or being a dumb boy about things, or thought it'd be awkward if he started cozing up to you in front of Daphs or something.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 15:08:26](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Yeah, Ron went for a walk with me but that doesn't mean anything! he's always gone for walks with me, and you, and all his friends. And that's just it, isn't it? I know he's my friend. I know he cares about me. That doesn't mean he wants to snog me, though, or -- but yeah. If he doesn't like me that way, then he doesn't.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-06 15:11:30](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Yes, it could mean he doesn't want to snog you, but it could also mean he's unsure about how you feel, or what he really does want.

Next time you go walking, maybe you could hold his hand or something? And see what he does?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 15:13:45](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

He did hold hands with me, but --

look it's not as if he doesn't KNOW how I feel, I kissed him and then I wrote him a PM while we were hiding under the cloak.

HE KNOWS. So I sort of feel like it's his turn. And if he doesn't say anything, and he doesn't do anything, it's probably because he doesn't want to and I should just give up, already.

Although, I did try. With Michael. ~~And keeping secrets is just~~



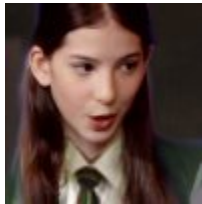
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*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Well, see, I guess that's what it comes down to. Is it worth it to keep trying?

If you really like him, then it is.

And he's a boy. He might not know it's his turn unless you tell him.

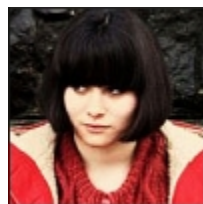


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*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Why are boys so stupid?

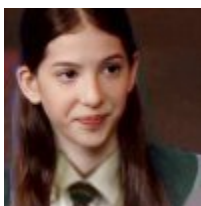
I mean REALLY.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-06 15:59:30](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

I know, right?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 18:13:27](#)

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

On another topic entirely, how was careers advice? Who'd you ask to come?

I asked for Madam Pomfrey. It was -- interesting, I guess. I told them I'd muffed my Dark Arts practical but that Professor Dolohov had hinted he'd let me in to his class anyway. Madam Pomfrey thinks it's a terrible idea for a future Healer to take NEWT Dark Arts. Professor Slughorn disagreed completely because

he said Professor Dolohov had taken an interest in me and his sponsorship and support could get me into programmes that wouldn't ordinarily consider a half-blood.

The main reason for a future Healer to take Dark Arts is to learn about curses and curse damage and undoing curse damage. Madam P pointed out that as unlikely as I was to get into an Apprenticeship programme at all, the curse damage specialty was even LESS likely to let a half-blood in. Professor Slughorn thought that ordinarily that would be the case but if Professor Dolohov wanted me in such a programme an exception might be made, and regardless, I should do whatever I could to stay in his good graces regardless of my future goals.

Madam Pomfrey said that I probably wouldn't get a decent mark on the Dark Arts NEWT either, for precisely the same reason that I muffed the OWL, since the NEWT-level spells are even nastier and I'm not going to want to cast them, nor should I, as a future Healer, violate my ethics in such a manner, and she suggested I ask Professor Dolohov if I could study with him independently, instead of taking the regular Dark Art NEWT class.

I can't say as I'm thrilled with either option. Either taking NEWT Dark Arts or having to be alone in a room with Professor Dolohov every week. But the latter would at least be something that would keep me in his good graces and I wouldn't have to worry about being asked to cruciate a muggle on the exam at the end.

Oh and Slughorn also thought I should have a backup plan. Something else I wouldn't mind doing because even if Dolohov likes me, he thinks Healing is an overly ambitious goal for a 'student in my circumstances' and so I said maybe as a fallback I'd become a nanny because I'm good with children. Of course I don't even need to go on to NEWTs to become a nanny but at least he didn't try to persuade me I ought to just give up now and go do that.

How'd yours go?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 18:17:10](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

The funny thing about Madam P pointing out I wouldn't get into the curse damage specialisation is that of course I'm not really trying to learn about

curse damage and how to Heal it because I want to do that specialisation at St Mungo's.

I want to learn about curse damage and how to Heal it because that would be useful to the Order.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-06 19:18:16](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Well, you can always talk to her about that separately.

I think it's funny, but if there's someone who could understand about wanting to be a Healer to help undo curse stuff, it'd be Professor Dolohov. He seems to respect Madame P a lot. He writes her all the time, and he took Cedric to her, didn't he?

So maybe it'd be worth talking to him about. When it comes to what you want to learn and why, and how he could help.

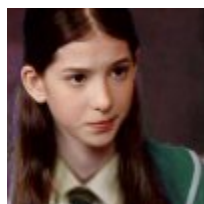
And can you imagine if he wrote a letter of introduction for you? That has to count for something.

I can't believe Slughorn wants you to Nanny. Although

Well, I can see how you'd make good money in a preparatory school, for kids planning on going to Hogwarts. A really nice one, I mean. And if you had a tonne of NEWTS, and the right connections, it'd be a job.

But.

Do you want a job just to have a job?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 19:25:00](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

I'm going to join the Order.

If St Mungo's doesn't let me into a Healing apprenticeship I'll go to their sanctuary and learn from Madam P during holidays.

Admittedly, if I do that, it'll be part time nannying, won't it? Given

they've got loads of little kids.

I couldn't very well tell that to Slughorn, though, and I needed to tell him SOMETHING. And 'nanny' is a nice, respectable ambition for a half-blood.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-06 19:24:50](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Mine was...

It was okay, I guess.

People don't really expect much of me, really. I mean, they don't expect me to have to get a job, you know? So it was a bit frustrating.

Slughorn was there, of course, and he was very complimentary about my performance in Potions this past term. And we talked about having a 'well-rounded' education, and a reasonable number of NEWTs to open some doors later. I told him I was thinking of starting a business, and that surprised him a bit.

I asked Professor Acton to be my other person, because I did pretty well in Charms this term, and wanted to see what she'd say about it, and she wasn't terrifically helpful. I mean, we talked about how Charms could be useful depending on the sort of business I wanted to go into, and then she said something about how it'd also help run a household smoothly, which made me gag a bit to think about.

So apparently, I'm meant to be a mum with nothing better to do than go to parties and run a household and you can nanny for me.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 19:29:59](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Oh for Merlin's sake. Did they have a husband picked out for you too?

You should come with me to the sanctuary and apprentice with Mr Snape and become a Potioneer while I learn to be a Healer. We can still raise kneazles.



 **[alt\\_pansy](#) at 2013-06-06 19:35:07**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Yes, lets.

Or at the very least schedule another careers advice meeting with Mr Snape and Mrs Longbottom and Madame P to see what sort of good we could actually do.



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at 2013-06-06 19:41:19**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

That is an absolutely brilliant idea. For ALL of us, really. I mean I actually did do something like this with Madam P months ago and it was so, so helpful, but I had a specific idea about what I wanted to do and mostly she just needed to reassure me that I wasn't wasting my time.

Professor Brutka sent me a note saying I'm supposed to come by his office tomorrow. I'll tell him, and see what he says. I wonder if we could have another week, sometime this summer? In between CCF and YPL and all the other stuff.

**2013-06-06 06:17:00**

*Order Only: Thinking about what happens after school*




 [alt\\_lee](#)

I've been talking with Fred and George about putting a hand in with their business (we like your idea of setting up a place that could help incubate new businesses, Mrs Weasley. I think Fred and George were going to send you an owl about that). But I've also been thinking about trying to find a job in radio. I got interested in it from commentating on the Quidditch matches at Hogwarts.

Have also been thinking: I've been collecting old ham radio equipment. Could Aldrich Town be a good place for a radio station? Free Britain Radio or Free Albion Radio (or whatever we're gonna call ourselves after the Protectorate). I'm not sure I'm ready to apply to live there permanently (for one thing, not sure what I'd tell my parents) but maybe I could go in and do a show once a week or something? Something with a mix of muggles and magical folk talking.



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Lee;

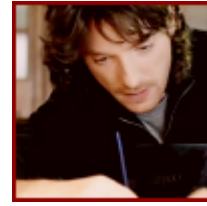
Turner has been looking into radio, and yes, he has been considering building at Aldrich. It'll take a bit of setting up, of course, as they have to build the station and power it, and no doubt he'll need all the help he can get. I think it'll be some months yet before he'll have the capability to actually broadcast, but perhaps you could see whether you could provide assistance in the construction and gathering of materials?

Anything you can learn about radio would be of use. I've got some technical manuals I culled from the Muggle library in Peel that might be worth looking over.



**2013-06-06 08:13:00**

*Order Only: Percy*



 [alt\\_bill](#)

Percy asked me to come over for dinner last night, obviously disturbed about something. I asked him how work is going, which has become a sort of private joke for us, since usually he's very tight-lipped about his work, considers it a point of pride.

First he surprised me by telling me there was a space of time he wasn't going into the office because he was taking several shifts with 'Communications.' He blinked and seemed surprised at himself for revealing that, and then looked wary, so I didn't press.

But he's back now at St James' house, he went on hurriedly. And--he jumped up, seeming to try to cover his agitation by setting out the boxes for the curry takeaway, going on in some resentment about the newer young members added to the Council. Percy doesn't seem to think they're a worthy lot, for the most part, although he spoke approvingly of Lana Sandoval-Pennifold and Ned Pennifold. (I hate to say it, but I think he admires Lana's ruthlessness. He's probably inclined to admire Ned mostly because he's a fellow former Head Boy.) Although there are some promotions coming up, he said, that are pleasing, although he wouldn't say who. Another hint that there's a lot of jockeying for position among the Deatheaters with the aftermath of Selwyn's fall and Voldemort's resurrection.

Eventually, I coaxed out of him what he had been pussy-footing around. Lucius made an appearance on Monday, briefly, and though he did his best to cover it, it's apparent that he has been badly cruciated. Which makes me think it must have happened on Sunday, at Court.

I asked Percy if he had any idea why Our Lord could have been so angry at Lucius, and he poked right up. Lucius is a totally loyal subject!

So I pointed out dryly that Dominic Selwyn was too, apparently.

He wasn't willing to talk much more. Apparently he just wanted to speak--or at least hint--about his fears aloud to a person he trusts. Or semi-trusts.

Lucius Malfoy's star seems to be falling slightly with Our Lord.


And Percy doesn't quite believe it, and doesn't like it one bit.

I asked him oh-so-casually if he had seen the recent photograph of Our Lord that was taken at the wedding last weekend, and what he thought of it.

Quite an extraordinary look crossed his face that I can't quite describe: maybe wonder, horror, and a little bit of fear. But all he said was that it was very gracious of Our Lord to bless the occasion.

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 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-06 16:18:07](#)  
(no subject)

On one hand, I've got to figure that bastard Malfoy deserves whatever he gets.

On the other, I'm not sure I like the thought of the devil we know being replaced with the devil we don't.

More disruptions might keep them distracted a bit longer, though. Can we take another farm while they're busy with their own problems?




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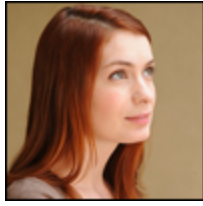
Agreed, Remus. It's certainly worth a try, at least now that we've piloted the notice-me-not field it'll make for an easier process, and fairly low risk from outside interference.


Bill, has anyone been looking into Aldrich? Have you noticed any uptick in security or patrols in the countryside?



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-07 01:16:55](#)  
(no subject)


I've seen no sign of it. According to all the information I've drawn in from my network, we haven't drawn the slightest bit of attention, which is excellent. I'll keep monitoring.



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-07 01:24:53](#)**  
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Yes, that is good news. I think that rather means we ought to try for another.



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Any ideas as to a region that would be well-suited? We could try for the sheep farm in Scotland -- we have some friendly people there who have been helpful, and would let us in and make introductions.

It'd be a bit tricky to chance a coastal operation, only because the Fidelius couldn't extend far enough to sea to be truly protective, and I'd be hesitant to place our hopes on the notice-me-not field holding over a large span of water like that.



 **[alt\\_draco](#)** at **[2013-06-11 02:01:15](#)**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good - Private message to Remus Lupin*

Why don't you shut up, you stupid, manky old wolf.

**2013-06-06 09:22:00**

*Private message to Sally Anne*



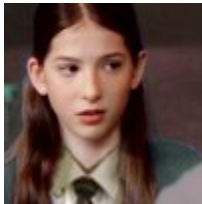
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Hello -

Are you all right, Sally Anne?

You didn't look to be enjoying yourself at the party. I think I saw you I don't mean to pry, but you know how a good hostess needs to look out for her guests.


-Daphs



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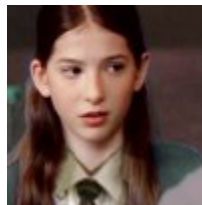
I didn't? I'm sorry. I had a very nice time. I've been fretting about my OWL results, and things like that.



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Well, aren't we all?

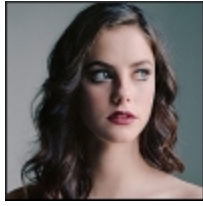
Maybe not the boys - or they were so busy chumming around they hid it well! I have to say I never really thought I'd see Ron and Draco be friends, but it seems something's changed. Funny how that happens, isn't it?



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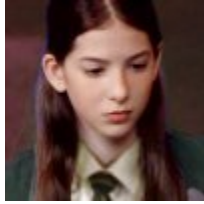
Yeah, it is.

They all seemed to be having a fine time.



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I know. But boys are exceptionally good at compartmentalising their feelings and carrying on as if there's nothing on their mind. It's not quite so easy for girls.



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Do you think that's it?

You might be right. That they can compartmentalise better. I actually think I'm usually rather good at it, but not so much this week.



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They can compartmentalise better, and they can also be idiots better!

Ron is a lovely person. He's chivalrous, and kind, and funny, and a good dancer. ~~That's why he was the perfect one to~~ He can also be *utterly thick*. You wouldn't believe how much he tried to needle me at the start of the Revue. Of course, I saw right through it. Boys like him don't know how to let a girl know they fancy her, so they act like idiots instead, joking around or, if they have it especially bad, ignoring her completely.



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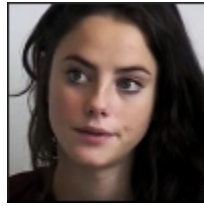
Do you think so?




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What do you think boys like that do if a girl's made it clear she likes them, and they like her back, then?

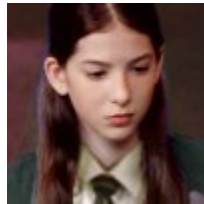
Because I wouldn't think it would be ignoring her.



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If they continue ignoring her it's because they don't believe in themselves quite enough, maybe, and they just couldn't bear it if she changed her mind, or didn't really mean it.

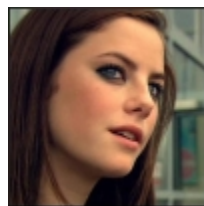
I know it seems silly, but it makes sense, really. People will do almost anything to protect themselves from unbearable hurt. And if they're not really all that fussed about it, they'll take more chances. Like he did with me.



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Maybe.

What would you suggest the girl do, in that situation? If she's already made her feelings rather clear and doesn't wish to make an utter fool of herself if her feelings are not reciprocated?



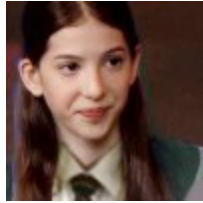
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How clear is rather clear? Boys hear what they want to, sometimes. It wouldn't hurt for her to repeat herself.

If the feelings aren't reciprocated, that doesn't make her a fool. It makes *him* a fool. And it will be his loss, and she can rest easy knowing that she made her feelings perfectly clear and it was he who was too afraid, or too confused, or too

whatever, to not reciprocate.

Because in this particular scenario, as an outside witness I can say with confidence that he definitely does have feelings for her.



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Mmm.

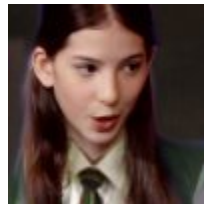
If you say so.

You're probably a better judge at this point than I am.



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Well I'm here to help. If you want it.



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Are you sure?

I mean unless I'm utterly confused you also fancy him, or you fancied him for a while. I would not ordinarily go for help to a girl who liked the same boy I did because (1) it's tactless and (2) it invites problems and (3) it makes it even more awkward when I am ROOMMATES with that other girl, so...

There is a lot of potential for awkwardness here which I have been trying very hard to avoid, Daphne, by not opening my mouth about it!



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Well, I do fancy him! He's very fanciable, in his own way. And I care about him, really, but that doesn't mean I can't see that we're not a very sensible match. We're too different. If we *actually* dated he would get sick of me dragging him to gallery openings and the ballet, and I would roll my eyes every time he opened his mouth about the Chudley Cannons. Oh, and his Mum didn't like me. I could just tell! To say nothing of the fact that I didn't even really speak to him before this year.

But the two of you have been friends for ages, and there's a real history between you.

And, well, I want Ron to be happy. And you, too. You're my friends.



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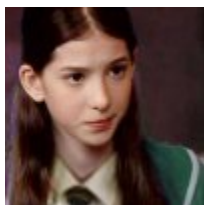
Well  
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what do you think I should do?



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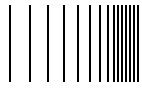
Well, first, did you really tell him already?  
What did he say?



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I did, but --  
he was

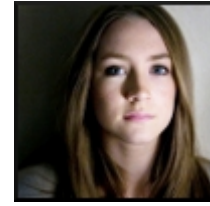




look hang on, I'm going to talk to you in person about this.

**2013-06-06 12:15:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*



 [alt\\_hydra](#)

Sally Anne and I paid Professor Dolohov a visit yesterday afternoon. We said I wanted to do some summer reading on poisons and antidotes and asked to borrow some books. Well, that's what Sally Anne says we asked him - I don't actually remember the conversation at all, I only remember what I saw when I legilimised him.

First off, it's hard to me to say whether what I saw were his actual memories, or things he was just imagining. I don't really know how to tell the difference. There are a few I am fairly sure are actual memories because they seemed to have a lot of emotion attached to them.

One of them is about some of us. He does remember hexing and duelling us, and he feels horrified about it. I saw me and Justin and Sally Anne, and the masks we were wearing were flickering like candlelight, which doesn't mean that the masks were *actually* flickering, I think it's just the moment where he figured out who we were. I don't think he realises that Hermione was the other one he hexed, though.

And then there's a part that wasn't a memory, I think, but imagining. He petrified Sally Anne and took off her mask and said "what are you doing here?"

So, he wants to know what we were doing.

And then I saw some imaginings about Hector and Arista - running through the forest, hiding under a bed and inside a cupboard. Disappearing into a door in the floor. I think he's desperate to know what we did with them. But even so, I could feel that he doesn't want to ask, because he doesn't want to act on what the answer is. It didn't stop him from thinking about it more, though. He wondered if they might be at Pansy's house, or somewhere at Malfoy Manor.

Then it changed a bit and became more solid, into a memory. He had his wand outstretched and Mr Selwyn was on the ground in front of him. He felt very powerful and cruel and he liked it. I think he was cruciating Mr Selwyn, maybe worse. Only it was strange because

there was regret there, too. I don't know how someone can feel regretful and powerful and cruel all at once but he did. And Mr Selwyn was gasping and in pain and could barely speak, but he managed to and he said that he would give Professor Dolohov his library, that he was the best person to have his books, and then he asked him, if he could, to protect his children, to not let them pay for his mistakes. And then Professor Dolohov told him that the best way to protect his children was to cooperate. Mr Selwyn sort of turned away and closed his eyes, then, like he was waiting for it to start all over again.

And the whole time, the Lord Protector's new horrible face would sort of float into the vision, but then it would go away. And sometimes I would see it and hear Mr Selwyn's voice at the same time, saying that "we're all playthings to be broken." I think Professor Dolohov is trying not to think about the Lord Protector and what Mr Selwyn said.

Well, it was really an awful lot more confusing than I've just made it sound, but that's how I've made sense of it. Also, somewhere in there he thought about how he had to use the loo, but I don't think that's important.



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So he knows Draco and Pansy were there, or at least he thinks they were since he's imagining Arista and Hector hidden in their houses, but he's not imagining Arista and Hector with Mrs Weasley so probably he doesn't know Ron was there.

Because really, if you had to guess 'who'd hide a little kid' wouldn't Mrs Weasley be your first guess?

Hydra do you think he let us get away because he wanted us to save Hector and Arista? If he did then why did he almost kill me? I would swear he did NOT know it was me when we crossed wands. And why is he imagining taking off my mask? UGH.



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-06 19:23:46](#)  
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I don't think he knew who we were when he hexed us, but he figured it out after. That's why the hexes went away so suddenly, wasn't it?

And I suppose he might think Draco and Pansy were there, yes, but I never saw their faces. Or Ron's.

Does he even know where Ron lives?

I never got a clear idea of why he let us go but I think the fact that he was remembering what Mr Selwyn said might mean that it was about Arista and Hector.



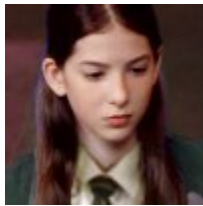
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Okay

yes

that makes sense.

I don't think he knows where Ron lives but he knows what his mum looks like, I think, there were pictures of their family in the Prophet after Mr Weasley died.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 19:37:05](#)  
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You're not supposed to be able to cruciate someone if you feel pity or compassion but 'regret,' it's not completely impossible as long as it's just a remote sort of regret, like 'the necessity of this makes me sad' rather than 'it upsets me to see you in pain.'

They were friends, I think. Mr Selwyn and Professor Dolohov. I saw them writing each other in the journals.



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-06 19:52:45](#)  
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Just because he didn't think about Ron doesn't mean he doesn't know - or wonder - if he was with us. Same with Hermione, I suppose. I don't think it can be ruled out, I mean.

Yes, I'm sure they were friends. I don't think that would stop him. Or any of them.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 19:20:45](#)  
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And thank you.

I could tell that was really hard on you. You looked so sick afterward, I almost took you to the Hospital

Wing.

I wish I thought

Mind reading is a bit less scary now, I have to say. I mean if MLE ever interrogates me I'll know they're interrogating me and I'll use my ring. But I worry sometimes about someone like your Mum just catching my eye and seeing EVERYTHING but actually, probably she'd see me thinking about how I needed to use the loo and where's my quill and what's that I smell for dinner? Most of the time I'm not thinking about how I'm HAPPILY COMMITTING TREASON or whatever.



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I wasn't sick, exactly. It didn't feel good, though.

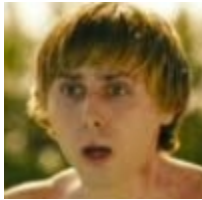
I'm sorry to say it, but if you are ever around Mummy you might not be able to help but think about treason, so it's probably best just to occlude.

I think that's why I saw what I did - because he wanted to know so badly why we were there and what we did that he couldn't help but think about it when he was faced with us in person.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 19:37:55](#)  
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I try to occlude all the time, to make it a habit, but yes, if I'm anywhere near your mother I'm extra careful. Like at the wedding, since she was there.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-06 19:39:05](#)  
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Hullo, Dux,

I say, that explains rather a lot about my careers advice.

I'd asked Professor Sprout to include Professor Brutka, what, because I thought we could talk about the Order and how I could help, when one can more or less assume the Ministry will want me to go round promoting their propaganda machine. I'd planned to ask Professor Sprout to just write down that I was hoping for a minor Ministry posting, perhaps in Communications or something like that.


But Professor Dolohov was there, not Professor Brutka. He spent nearly the whole time asking about my Noble Arts examinations and trying hard to convince me to work with him over the summer before we start N.E.W.T.-level, what, which he seemed to think I should be taking regardless of whether the Ministry would require it or not. It was well disconcerting.

It must be because he had recognised us, what? I mean to say, he's seen us duel in Duelling Club and he's seen our spellwork in lessons all year. And I suppose ~~we~~ I rather gave up the game when I suddenly started to engage him, after you fell, Dux. So perhaps it's not too surprising. It's lucky he's apparently discounted the possibility that Hermione was with us.

I wonder how long he'll be content to trust that Arista and Hector are all right, or before someone makes him start probing deeper. Perhaps if he's given out that they're dead as well, we needn't worry. Still, it's bally well worrisome to consider that the only thing standing between us and a load of uncomfortable questions from Barty sodding Crouch is Professor Dolohov, what!

-Justin




 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-06 19:45:12](#)  
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That's a good point.

What did he think about Mr Crouch?




 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-06 19:58:10](#)  
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Nothing very specific. There was a brief thing - when he was remembering what Mr Selwyn asked of him he thought something about being relieved that his son wasn't there.

Did you know that he thinks of Mr Crouch as his son? I never did.




 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-06 19:55:36](#)  
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And it makes me think about that conversation you and Hydra overheard. Where Mr Lestrage and Professor Dolohov and other people were talking about who might be recruited for the Council.

And they talked about Draco, and me, and you, and Sally-Anne, didn't they?

I wonder if that'd be something we ought to aim for.




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-06 19:57:05](#)  
(no subject)

You'd have to do awful things, Pans.

Really awful things.




 **[alt\\_pansy](#)** at **[2013-06-06 20:00:07](#)**  
(no subject)

Who knows, Harry?

If you're going to be a part of it, for instance, or maybe even be in charge of it some day, I'd rather some of us be there too, if we can.

And we'll do what we have to do.




 **[alt\\_hydra](#)** at **[2013-06-06 20:01:05](#)**  
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I'm not fond of the idea of you working under him. That's what Barty Crouch Jr. did.

But we were rubbish against them, weren't we?

And yes it's worrisome, but would you rather know than not?




 **[alt\\_draco](#)** at **[2013-06-06 20:03:11](#)**  
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In order to stand a chance against that lot I reckon you have to have killed a few people and then some, and be entirely not fussed about killing again.

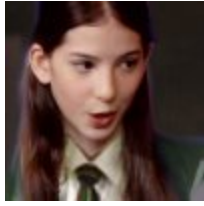
Right then, who's ready to start training?



 **[alt\\_pansy](#)** at **[2013-06-06 20:13:09](#)**  
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We can't depend on Expelliarmus and binding hexes, that's for certain. Not if we want to stay alive.






 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 20:16:07](#)  
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Oh and here I thought I did so well with 'petrificus totallis.'

I'm clearly utterly unsuited to cross wands with anyone outside a classroom exercise.

I draw fire rather effectively, at least.

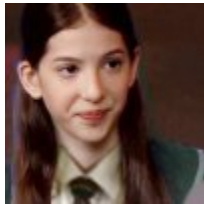


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I think we're the only people in our class who have even come close to a proper fight ever outside of a classroom.

Those idiots in the duelling club thing don't count.

So you might end up being brilliant at it.




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I'm brilliant at almost getting killed.

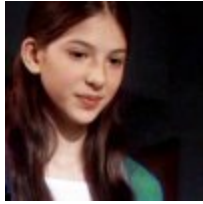
At least I didn't wet myself from utter terror, but that was probably only because I went to the loo before we left.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-06 20:24:21](#)  
*Private Message to Sally-Anne*

I have no doubt Crabbe would've vommed, and wept like a baby, AND wet himself.

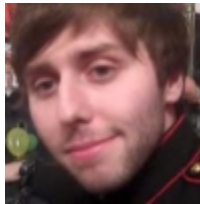
As would most of the people in our class.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 20:25:38](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally-Anne*

You're probably right about Crabbe.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-06 20:04:45](#)

*(no subject)*

To be completely honest, love, a year has been more than enough. I'm quite hoping I shall only receive an 'A' on the O.W.L. and shan't be eligible to continue at N.E.W.T.

I'm considering withdrawing even if I *do* manage an 'E,' what?

Oh, and I'm not saying I'd rather we didn't know, what, I'm saying that I wish I could think of a way to reassure him without putting ourselves deeper into the mix, if you follow me.

-J



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-06 20:10:15](#)

*(no subject)*

You really think you ought to turn down what he could teach you? Makes about as much sense as Hydra wishing her legitimacy away.

At least you know you're suited to each other.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-06 20:23:49](#)

*(no subject)*

Draco,

I think there are certain boundaries one ought not to cross, what, and I think Professor Dolohov is bally well uncommonly clever at making it seem as if crossing those lines is reasonable and all part of an academic exercise. I suspect he has deliberately been as charming as possible so far and that he plans to capitalise on his students' affection for him

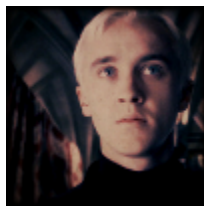
as a stimulating professor and one who presents his topic in a riveting, dynamic fashion, so that when he gets round to teaching the truly diabolical magic, his students have been lulled into believing it shan't do any harm to test one's skills, or that pleasing him and earning good marks are more important than considering the consequences of performing the spells as he is teaching them.


Hydra can't help that she's a legilimens. But I *can* jolly well show the restraint and good sense not to cast spells that will cause irreparable harm. Professor Dolohov told us this year that one must always exhibit that restraint, what, but when faced with us in the guise of enemies, he showed no mercy. Only his realisation that we were his students stayed his hand--and only the fact that they wanted to save the intruders for questioning led him to cast incapacitating spells. Even at that, he nearly killed Sally-Anne, what? I believe that if he hadn't concluded we were saving Mr Selwyn's children, he would certainly have come back to find out why we *were* there. And he bally well might not have scrupled against using more dark magic to force us to answer, if necessary, despite being his students.

So, no, thank you. I for one shall very happily forego his brand of magic. I'm certain the Order have alternatives that are just as effective but nowhere near as vicious, what.

Cheers,

-Justin



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-06 20:47:41](#)  
(no subject)

Crossing those lines is reasonable if you are up against others who cross those lines all the time. To not cross them is idiotic.

Why should any of us be willing to die, but not willing to kill the people who would kill us without a thought?

Of course he's deliberately charming and riveting. He's a Slytherin. Do you somehow doubt your ability to see through this and not have your own personal values tainted or otherwise warped? Why? Is it because you already are juggling so many

personas and fear that to take on another will put strain on the rest? Do you really think we'd let you turn into the next incarnation of Antonin Nikolaevich something something Dolohov?


I guess where we might differ is that I don't give a shite about dying as some noble, innocent, righteous person. No, I care about not dying. I care, in fact, about all of us not dying. Some more than others but that can't be helped.

If the Order have alternatives I'd like to know what they are, especially since as far as I can tell, most of what they do involves hiding. Oh, and more hiding. And smuggling stuff. And the occasional pep talk. My own theory? They're spread too thin and as such are too focused on feeding themselves, stealing wands, and saving muggleborns. Noble? Oh, but of course. Effective?

We're still waiting on that one.

I agree with what both you and Dolohov say on one thing, though: restraint is well and good and if you don't have it you'll probably end up badly or do something you otherwise regret. And look at that - looks like he's teaching you anyway, despite your resistance.



 **[alt\\_justin](#)** at **[2013-06-07 02:37:09](#)**  
(no subject)


I do see your point, old man, and there is logic to it. But to answer you, no, I'm not afraid I should succumb to his bally old seduction into dark arts, what, but that in order to continue fooling him, I shall have no choice but to cast spells and commit to memory methods of fighting that would inevitably come out in the heat of battle (assuming we are destined to do battle again, what). I'm not certain I could stomach myself if it came to that.

I say, it's not that I'm not willing to defend myself, or Hydra, or Sally-Anne or any of us, when called upon to do so. Nor that I'm not willing to learn anything from him, what. On the other hand, I've no wish to compromise my principles, which is of course what Professor Dolohov has planned for us all. Besides, I have what I consider to be jolly well sensible reasons not to

subject myself to his scrutiny any more than necessary.

-Justin



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-07 02:47:47](#)  
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Oh, and I forgot to say: I do agree with you, about the Order being stretched too thin. That's precisely why I intend to join them, what, to add to the ranks.

I've no doubt they also wish it were as easy as fighting fire with fire. Unfortunately, I'd be well surprised if that approach works when it comes to magic that forever changes one's lines of moral demarcation.

And of course, one needn't kill to cross those lines, either. There are plenty of spells that aren't lethal but that subjugate one's victim.

-Justin



 [alt\\_terry](#) at [2013-06-07 06:42:39](#)  
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*Why should any of us be willing to die, but not willing to kill the people who would kill us without a thought?*

As the only person on this lock who has ever actually faced this decision, or something close to it, I reckon I should answer.

Killing someone changes you. I am not sure I can explain it, except that the life you lived before is completely over, and you will never get it back. Even if the person you killed was as despicable and evil as the git was.

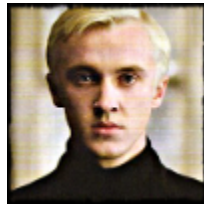
The only reason I could live with myself afterwards is that first of all, it wasn't really a decision at all. Well, literally. The Professor, uh, I guess, just sort of tapped into whatever wolf is in his ancestry, and so I tore out the git's throat out of sheer survival animal instinct. It *was* self defence.


It took Mr Longbottom and Sirius Black a long time to get it through my thick skull: I'm not a murderer.

But I am a killer.

I will always be someone who has killed. And as much as I loathed him, I wish that wasn't true. I tasted his blood in my mouth for months afterward. And the worst thing is you start to see yourself turning into exactly what you hated.

It's easy to scoff at innocence as worthless. Until you've lost it.




 **alt\_draco** at [2013-06-07 16:33:26](#)  
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You just said it wasn't a decision, it was instinct. I want my instinct to be able to match theirs.

If losing my 'innocence' is the price then I'm willing to pay it. Finch-Fletchley is free to make his own choice, but I'm also free to think he's making a mistake.

Most of us are already changed, don't you think? There's no going back now.



 **alt\_neville** at [2013-06-07 14:00:54](#)  
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No, now you know that's not true, that 'most of what the Order does is hide' if you think about it. What about all the wanted posters about my parents, and the people that they've killed?

Unless you think they're lies. But I happen to know they're not. Dad's admitted to me that both he and Mum have killed people, although he doesn't like to talk about it and he's certainly not boasting about it. They were in some real running battles over the years. More when we were little, which was why they gave Ev and me up to Gran in the first place. There may have been some more recently, too.


But something happened that made them think they had to change their tactics. Maybe it was realising that if they didn't

snatch the muggle born babies, they'd lose the next generation. Maybe they realised they needed to have wands to give those babies, as well as all of the muggle borns that had them confiscated. So they started going after wands.

In other words, they're building an army. Which is not exactly hiding.

I know Dad has studied about the Dark Arts--the Noble Arts, if you like--because he's had to personally face those curses. There are a lot of books about Dark curses in his Auror library. Not so much about how to do them. More about how to defend against them, and heal the damage they cause. But he thinks it's a really bad idea to use them himself. Well, I couldn't swear to it that he's never used them, but he certainly avoids them. Given all of his experience in battle, it's clear that it's not that he's unwilling to kill, and given how close some of those battles have been, and how he barely got away with the skin of his teeth, I reckon he'd want any advantage he could get, if he thought it was worth it. Which means, I guess, that his experience--battle experience--has convinced him those arts aren't worth the disadvantages. I reckon we can learn more about that when we join the Order.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-07 16:52:17](#)  
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Well they didn't kill Raz, so they can't have been that good at it. But even so, do you really think they were killing people by pushing them off cliffs and such? I can't think of any curse that ends up with the other person dead that *isn't* dark.

Not an entirely inane idea, building an army, but an army needs to be trained and fed and organised, which has to be an enormous strain on resources. Not to mention time and planning. And how will they know when their army is built and ready? Is it all about waiting until the muggleborn babies are grown? Do those babies even get a choice in whether they become soldiers or not? Sounds like the sort of arrangement where, in exchange for a wand, you're expected to put it to good use for the Order one day.

I'm not saying that's what it is, I'm saying that's what it

sounds like.

I can't believe I'm going to say this, but I think Sirius Black had it right with the Grim Truths. You have to reach the people and change them. The problem is that he wasn't and isn't the right person for the message. He is a fugitive and a boogeyman. Even if what he says niggles at a person, in the end they'll do what they're told because that's what they know, and what you know always feels safe, even if it isn't.

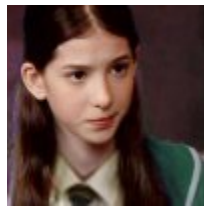
But it sounds like Dominic Selwyn might have been the right person.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-07 19:34:23](#)  
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Yeah.

How many people are even going to hear his message, though? It's not as if he can write in his journal anymore.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-07 19:43:45](#)  
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Neville those wanted posters are for things your parents did years ago. YEARS ago. Back when they were the Aurors and Barty Crouch and Bellatrix Lestrange were the fugitives on the other side of the law.

And Draco's right, if it's a spell that's used to kill people that's 'Dark Arts,' those are 'Dark Spells,' I mean your Mum messed up Rabastan Lestrange so badly he still limps, that wasn't Stupefy or Petrificus Totalis or Expelliarmus they hit him with, they were hitting him with something that could kill him. (Not Avada Kedavra obviously or he'd be dead. But whatever spell they used, it's not going to be taught in Defence. It's not going to be taught in Charms. It's going to be taught in Dark Arts, or not at all.)






 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-06 23:14:54](#)  
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Yeah. I disagree. Or, well, not exactly. That may be the right decision for you, but see, if I pull a high enough OWL mark, I'll go on with it.

I think some of us have got to learn as much as he'll teach us. So we know what they're going to use against us.

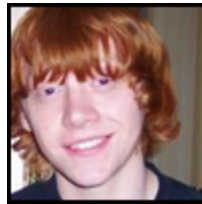
And, yeah. I guess that means I agree with Malfoy.




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I'm fine with him not agreeing with me, or anyone else for that matter. Doesn't mean I won't argue the other side.

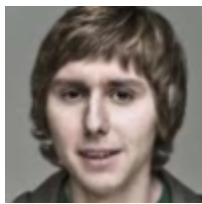
How do you reckon you did on the exam?



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Better than I really should've, actually. On the practical, they just asked me to put a blood lock on a box, and then when the examiner-- that really ancient chap--couldn't get in or break the lock, then I had to take it off. And I did. So, y'know, I didn't remember everything on the written, but I figure it wasn't a disaster, either.

I expect you'll have an O, yeah?



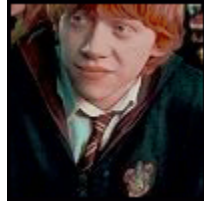
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Ron,

Fair enough. I've no objection to learning what they might use against us but I don't think that it's necessary to learn how to cast what they might use. To

each his own, of course.

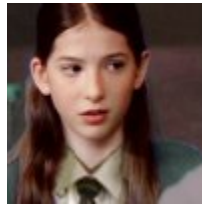
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It's more that if you know what it takes to cast those things, you know where the weak side will be if some tries using them against you. I realised this term that you learn a lot of that sort of thing by trying it.

And maybe it won't matter. I mean, maybe I won't have done well enough. But if I do, then I'll have to figure out what to tell Mum. It would be easier if I could still just talk to Dad about this sort of thing. But, yeah.



 **alt\_sally\_anne** at [2013-06-07 04:34:33](#)  
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Well

I wrote to him today to ask about the NEWT class. Madam Pomfrey thought this would be a good time to drop it.


He said, hang on.

'My NEWT classes are a departure from OWL-level classes. Over the two-year curriculum, we explore ritual and cooperative magic, cursed and magic-infused objects (the making, safe handling, and disposal thereof), warding, runework, and certain non-Western traditions, in addition to delving more deeply into the history and theory of the Noble Arts than we have had time to do thus far this year. In addition to that, though, I will also be teaching fundamental and underlying skills that should serve you in excellent stead in your future endeavours no matter what they might be: logic, rhetoric, how to perform research, how to evaluate sources, and how to compose an argument (and evaluate and refute an incorrect argument put forth by others).'

So here's the thing. NO ONE ELSE teaches ANYTHING about

most of this. We do a little bit in runes with objects and in Charms we'll learn the Protean Charm but not much else about objects. No one else talks about ritual and cooperative magic, and that's what the Fidelius Charm is, you know, I looked it up. Acton isn't going to cover it, or anything like it. It's not even remotely Dark Arts but I bet Dolohov would, if we asked him -- though not this week because the absolutely LAST thing I need is to get him thinking about precisely what secrets I might want to magically hide. Although probably he'd figure we wanted to hide Arista and Hector really, really, really well.



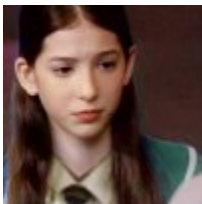
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Mr Selwyn really was something else, wasn't he? Saying those things even when he was hurting so badly and knew he was going to die. And trying to do what he did in the first place, too.

I wish I'd known him better.

And it makes sense that he wouldn't want to know where Hector and Arista were, because then he'd have to do something about it.

I'm sorry it gave you a turn, Hydra.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-06 20:16:54](#)  
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Yes.

It makes me think you really never know, about people.

Well, except for Hydra's terrifying mum. I think we know about her.



 [alt\\_terry](#) at [2013-06-07 01:05:05](#)  
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I know you struggled with the decision of whether or not to do this, Hydra, but I must say, I do think the risk has paid off really well. You did learn some

valuable information. Somewhat reassuring, too: it doesn't sound like he's biding his time before handing you lot over to the Aurors, and now we have a pretty good idea of why.

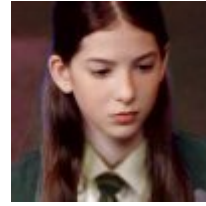
Still, if his curiosity about what happened to Arista and Hector get to be too strong for him...uh, yeah.

I'm sure you're all watching your step around him.

I've met them both, by the way, and everyone here is doing their best to help them settle in as much as possible. You can tell she's a little freaked out about the sort of people she's around now--the 'M' word, I mean--although at least she's trying to be polite about it. But she warmed up to me more than most, because she's charmed and fascinated by the Professor.

**2013-06-06 14:43:00**

*Private message to Professor Dolohov*



 **alt\_sally\_anne**

Sir, I don't want to take up any more of your valuable and limited time by coming by your office, but after my careers advice session I did want to talk to you a bit about what went wrong on my Noble Arts OWL and what makes sense for my future studies.

I feel very confident about how I did on the written section. I particularly felt well prepared to compare the various curses in the essay portion and for the discussion of blood magic.

On the practical portion, each of us received a different assignment and if I'd been assigned Blood Lock or Warding I've no doubt I could have gotten an O on the OWL. I was instructed to cast a spell on a muggle that would create the illusion that he was dying, and I failed -- completely. The muggle had been the subject of a number of other exams already that day and was in severe distress, begging me to kill him outright as he could not take 'any more of this torture.'

To a Wizard or Witch with any natural inclination toward the Noble Arts, I have no doubt that this minor distraction could be easily brushed off. However, I discovered that I lack the inner fortitude to cause pain to any creature while it begs for mercy, even a muggle. (I don't think I could have cast a curse on a cringing dog, either.)

As you know, my goal is to become a Healer, so I asked Madam Pomfrey to attend my careers advising session and we discussed this a bit. She thinks that given my issues, I'm very unlikely to attain any sort of satisfactory mark on the Dark Arts NEWT. (She's also not convinced it will be particularly helpful to me -- the curse damage specialisation at St Mungo's is particularly competitive. It's already unlikely that a half-blood -- a fostered half-blood, at that -- would be taken into the Healer Apprenticeship programme but it's particularly unlikely that I will be allowed to pursue the curse damage specialty.) Finally, she suggested that the application (as opposed to the theory) of Noble Arts might be fundamentally at odds with the oath I would expect to take upon becoming a Healer.

She did recognise that my interests in curse damage might be worth pursuing and suggested I see if you would be willing to set out a course of guided reading for me, independent of class, which I might

pursue instead, with a particular focus on information that would be relevant to Healing.

I have truly appreciated how kind you have always been to me, and how generous you have been with your time. I welcome any thoughts you'd have about what I should do. The best possible mark I can expect on my Dark Arts OWL is an A.

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**[alt\\_antonin](#) at [2013-06-07 03:31:36](#)**

*(no subject)*

Miss Perks,

You are never a burden on my time, though I can certainly understand why you would wish to conduct conversation via journal at the moment. This time of year is inevitably extremely fraught. (As to that: if you have not yet made your plans, I would be happy to assist you in finding summer employment.)

Regarding your plans for next year and NEWT-level study, and your performance on the OWLs: I am entirely unsurprised that the practical section on the OWL was inconsistent, arbitrary, and skewed. I spent a number of frustrating and unsatisfying hours arguing with the examination authority regarding the nature of the exams, which spells should be on the practical demonstration, and how students should be asked to demonstrate their mastery of them. This disagreement is precisely why I will be extremely liberal in the grades I will accept for continuance in my subject. I am hoping the examination authority will come around to my way of thinking sooner rather than later, and certainly before your year takes your NEWTs.

I can certainly understand if you do not wish to decide your classes based on a future that may or may not come about, and your reasoning is sound. However, let me press you somewhat, as while Madam Pomfrey is undisputably correct about St Mungo's standards and the Healer's profession, there are additional considerations she might not be aware of.

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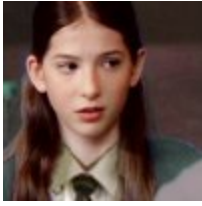
Whatever profession you pursue, a mastery of those skills will open doors for you -- as will, I hope it is not immodest to say, a reference from me to any post-Hogwarts educational programme you choose to pursue. I will, of course, provide that reference for you no matter whether you choose to continue in my subject, but I will be able to do so in better detail the more time we have together.

I would be happy to supervise independent study in the subset of the Arts that might be applied to healing, and we can certainly discuss that proposal in more depth later in the summer. I will, however, ask you to strongly consider taking the NEWT class; if you consider yourself bound by Healer's oath before your admission to Healer's study, I see no reason why we cannot respect that in our study here, whether or not the examination authority agrees.

(I might also add that, while I cannot ensure your admission to St M's programme at the conclusion of either my NEWT classes or that hypothetical independent study, I would be willing to advocate fiercely for you. I am also empowered, by virtue of my Mastery in the Arts, to accept students as candidates for a Mastery of their own; while I cannot teach the specifics of healing that would be required by St M's for the title of Healer, and while I will not award that status without a broad grounding in all aspects of the discipline, I would certainly be willing to discuss the matter further with you. My requirements for such a candidacy would be more rigorous than simple independent study, but those, too, can be discussed later.)

Do not let fear of your OWL marks enter into your calculations. Your acceptance into my NEWT classes does not depend on your marks; your seat is there for the asking.

Regards,  
Professor Dolohov



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-07 04:37:33](#)**  
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It sounds like a really interesting class.

I'll think about it, sir.



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-07 17:29:42](#)**  
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So here is the thing.

The course topics sound absolutely fascinating. I would very much like to learn more about ritual and cooperative magic, and I'm sure you've guessed I'd like to learn more about cursed and magic-infused objects. I'm really interested in warding. I do intend to go on to the NEWT level in Ancient Runes but I've no doubt you would cover runework from angles that Professor Babbling neglects.

Perhaps in explaining my hesitation I should talk a little bit about what Dark Arts was like with Alecto Carrow. Being in her classroom was extremely frightening because she was, in general but specifically toward me, a really dangerous person. You have never tried to kill me during class! (Miss Professor Carrow -- well, if she'd really wanted me dead I'd have been dead. She wanted me badly injured, and if I died instead, she didn't mind. So I had a broken arm and a head injury and a lot of bruises -- no worse than a few kids get in flying lessons every year -- but in her case, it wasn't an accident.) So it's a fraught ... classroom, I guess you'd say. Even with someone else teaching the subject.



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Miss Perks,

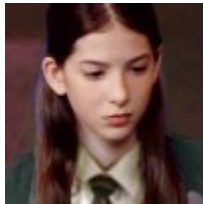
I can certainly understand how stressful it must have been to be in a classroom environment with a professor with whom one had that history. For the best results in studying the Arts, it is critical that student be able to trust instructor, particularly as we move into more cooperative forms of magic that require two or more individuals to work together. If



your past experiences, both within the classroom and without, are likely to leave you feeling uncertain of your safety or less secure in that environment, perhaps it would be wisest to refrain from continuing, for the sake of your own well-being -- however much the lessons might prove useful to you in your future endeavours.

You are the only one who can make that decision for yourself; none of us can be the guardian of another's conscience or necessities. I would be most regretful if you decided that you could not continue -- your contributions both inside the classroom and out would be greatly missed -- but after so long instructing you that success in the practise of the Arts comes from thoroughly and wholly understanding oneself, I would be remiss should I castigate you for exercising that self-knowledge.

Regards,  
Professor Dolohov



 **alt\_sally\_anne** at **2013-06-09 14:40:29**  
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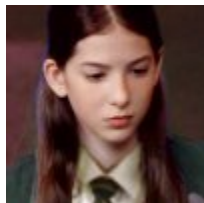
Thank you, sir.

When do I need to decide?



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I will need your final decision by 15 August.



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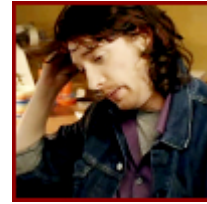
Okay.

I'm going to come by during your office hours today or tomorrow, if you think you might have time. I have books I need to return. Do you have any suggestions for summer reading?

~~They're sending me to stay with my~~

**2013-06-06 19:42:00**

*Order Only: Thinking of Selwyn, and the past few months*



 [alt\\_bill](#)

I've been mulling about Selwyn, especially ever since the Order meeting, when we got the pensieve report of what happened at that rite in the graveyard.

I suspect pretty strongly that Selwyn must have approached me with this coup idea. But something happened in the course of that conversation, something not quite right, and so they ended up obliterating me. Which means...Merlin. If I had joined him....

Bloody hell. Talk about REALLY being in Mortal Peril.

What did he want with me? How did he think I could help? Was there something he detected, some clue, that made him think I would go for something like this? Did he suspect anything else about me and my associations? Did he share them with his fellow conspirators?

I went back and re-read my journal carefully, and two things jumped out at me. One was a private message I sent to Charlie back in January. I'm going to copy it out as a comment to this post. It's about an encounter I had with Selwyn that puzzled me and troubled me quite a bit at the time, and it acquires a whole new significance in hindsight, knowing what we know now about what he was planning.


The second thing is something I asked Minerva about in a private message a few weeks ago, when the worry over the idea that Selwyn and Derrick had both imperiused and obliterated me was really eating away at me. She never replied to me. Back when it first happened, and I was so worried, she made some cryptic comments to Alice that at least she knew my loyalty wasn't being tested.

Look. I have to ask again.

Minerva...how do you know that? And what else did you know?

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 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-07 00:45:36](#)  
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This is what I wrote privately to Charlie back on January 23:

There was a little more about that meeting with Selwyn that I didn't say to the Order as a whole.

He was talking about Virgil Crispin. Percy's bleeding role-model, the ever-perfect Crispin, you know. Selwyn said that Crispin had expressed an ambition to join Our Lord's inner circle, and killing Herbert Fleet was his test. Or his duty, or his privilege, or maybe all three. And then he gave me this crooked smile and asked if I were ambitious.

I swear, I could feel the hair rising on the back of my neck. It was as if—as if I was on the other side of that Moment that Dad and I always talked about, when we would sound out people, to see if they're prospects for the Order. Except Selwyn was sounding me out for something completely different. Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe this is just the first probe. Maybe I'm not a good candidate anyway. I'm probably not. I'm the son of the regrettable Arthur Weasley, and my parents are suspected of having blood traitorous sympathies.

But for a moment there...bloody hell. I could almost see it, you know? Having a prospect like that dangling in front of my nose. Or maybe just a hint it might be offered in the future. A chance to be a part of the Inner Circle, and maybe the chance to bring back information, real information that could give the Order a chance, that could maybe cut a few years out of our feared timeline of throwing off these fucking psychopaths.

All I would have to do would be to convince them I'd be happy to become a psychopath myself. To get in, I might have to do murder.

Dad had to do stuff he hated.

But MURDER? What could possibly justify that?

(And we were worried about Percy going bad....)

This is the choice that Minerva faced, isn't it? And yes, her information is crucial. ~~But look~~

I knew I had to say something, but I was so afraid of getting it wrong, and closing the door for good. So I said that he must have been ambitious. Did it work out as well as he had hoped?

The only answer he had to that was a bitter laugh.

I thought it wouldn't be quite believable if I seemed too eager. So I said that I wasn't sure if I could do what he and Crispin had done. It must be normal to have doubts; how did he overcome them?

He told me (in the flattest, deadest voice imaginable) that all that he could do was to trust that Our Lord's wisdom was surely greater than his.

I told him I want to serve the Protectorate. And I was glad for the opportunity he had given me, with the Assistant Director job. And I knew that to rise to the top might take a kind of determination, of fortitude--all right, ruthlessness--that was rare. I'd like to keep the possibilities open.

He asked me, 'You wish to serve the Protectorate? Or the Protector?'

The only answer I could think of for that was, 'aren't they one and the same?' Which led to him giving me an ironic little salute with his glass of Firewhiskey.

I don't know how I did. I don't think I've hopelessly bolluxed up any future possibilities.

I'm just not sure I want to face them.

I wish I could talk with Dad.

P.S. I've been thinking about Ron. It feels even more urgent to write to him and far more impossible. With Dolores Umbridge on the prowl, pouncing on anyone writing a Private message, it seems much too dangerous now. And I'm not sure sending an owl would be secure enough.



 [alt\\_mcgonagall](#) at [2013-06-07 01:25:53](#)  
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Selwyn asked me to be part of the conspiracy some time ago.

I was aware of the conspiracy's goal, and I swore the Unbreakable Vow to keep it secret. It seemed, at the time, the best thing to do. I had no opportunity to tell the Order before.

That is how I knew that your loyalty was not being tested, but rather the opposite. I suppose you must have assured Selwyn that you were utterly loyal to the Lord Protector, and thus were Obliviated. At the time, I was grateful—no need to have two of us implicated, should things go wrong.

And they have, of course.

However—Selwyn was quite careful, you see, to approach me in the most roundabout way possible. The Lord Protector may have seen in his mind that I was part of the conspiracy, but Legilimency focussed on someone cannot tell you the full context, cannot tell you how a conversation was understood by all parties. I believe that, barely, I might squeak by as an innocent Gryffindor dupe in Selwyn's game—viewed from some perspectives. There is a thing known as "plausible deniability." And I was not at court during the actual events, and was careful to simply express loyalty to young Marvolo, not to any faction. And I believe that I am still seen as useful, for reasons beyond my ken.

You did well, I am certain of it. You did the only thing you could have done.




 [alt\\_mcgonagall](#) at [2013-06-07 03:11:03](#)  
(no subject)

Also, upon reflection—I am nearly certain that Selwyn would have solicited you, in particular, in hopes of discovering a way to use the journals in secrecy, though he never told me so. And that makes it clear why it would have been so important for you to swear utter loyalty to the Protectorate: to protect us, Order Only.

It is speculation but at this late date it is as close as we shall get to knowing the truth, I believe.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-07 13:51:48](#)

*(no subject)*

Merlin.

So THAT'S it. He picked me because I was involved in setting up the journals in the first place. A coincidence, then, rather than anything I did to give myself away.

Well, I must say, that's a huge relief. Which is outweighed, unfortunately, by the danger you're in now.

I suppose it all depends on how much Voldemort stripped Selwyn's mind for knowledge before he killed him. Does anyone have any idea whether Selwyn knew anything about occlumency?

So you haven't been summoned at all? If you are summoned, will you dare go to Court?

There's the option of Moddey Dhoo for you at least. Which is an option that Selwyn didn't have, although it saved his kids.



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-07 13:52:53](#)

*(no subject)*

Oh, Minerva. I'm so sorry. What a load you've been carrying! You must have been watching all this with bated breath for months, and then had your hopes fly up when it seemed that Selwyn succeeded. Only to have it all unravel again because of that dreadful rite.



 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at [2013-06-07 13:54:00](#)

*(no subject)*

Moddey Dhoo isn't a bad idea, Minerva. You should at least think about it.



 [alt\\_mcgonagall](#) at [2013-06-07 15:18:53](#)  
(no subject)

I have not held this long to turn tail and run when it gets a little hot, Kingsley.



 [alt\\_mcgonagall](#) at [2013-06-07 15:19:56](#)  
(no subject)

It has not been worth speaking of.

I selected a nasty time to go off the bottle.

(Do not worry about me in that regard. If I can manage this—I can manage anything.)



 [alt\\_mcgonagall](#) at [2013-06-07 15:25:55](#)  
(no subject)

I was at court this past Sunday, though not summoned specifically. Strangeweale was the victim then.

The Dark Lord can get nothing from my mind—or, He has not yet, and I am beginning to finally trust my mental barriers, if I am still alive after all these trials, after appearing there. I am certain he tried.

At worst, someday I shall be summoned and appear only to be killed. Well, what of it? At best I shall manage to claw my way back up the ranks. Or perhaps He has decided that my loyalty to Marvolo is as good as loyalty to him. Or perhaps he believes me to be a dupe, in which case He shall use me as long as He can. Intelligent dupes are rare.

Yes, I shall go to court whenever he summons me. He is capricious and cruel—but there is no getting around it.



 **[alt\\_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-07 19:52:28](#)**  
(no subject)

Do you know who else was in the conspiracy?  
Other than Selwyn, of course.



 **[alt\\_kingsley](#)** at **[2013-06-07 20:26:12](#)**  
(no subject)

And what was your role in the operation  
supposed to be, Minerva?



[2013-06-06 21:25:00](#)

*Private Message to Cedric*



 [alt\\_cedric](#)

Grumpy wizards make a  
toxic brew for the jovial  
queen

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jovial queen

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bloody hell no more tonight

**2013-06-06 21:39:00**

*ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Tonks*



 **alt\_frank**

hey.

we should say hello to the missus young and birdwhistle. the general's thinking about taking another farm, though, so we should probably wait until after that, or make a quick visit to one while we're still planning things and then hold off visiting the other one until after we're done.

also, summer solstice is coming up. you think we can pull together a small scale camp breakout? moxon might give us a hand. or toulson. Birdwhistle can wait until after solstice -- we'd have some proper samples of runic fields to show for by then, and I can sort out some more warding bits for safehouses within camps in the meantime.

this is good stuff. it feels good. you know?

like it's all coming together.

we sure as hell weren't ready to take over when we thought Voldemort had kicked it, but we're getting there.



 **alt\_nymphadora** at **2013-06-07 04:05:39**

*(no subject)*

We really did alright with the wands, didn't we? And the others were brilliant at Aldrich.

I could make a visit tomorrow, though I'm going to have come home and have a bit of a nap first. I've been adding shifts at work, which I don't usually do, but things are in such a stir, people there are forgetting themselves a bit. Talking and leaving stuff about. Or maybe it's just that by going in at 11:00 or 7:00 (though I've only done that the once) I'm there while people are still in their offices, not just in the middle of the night after they've tidied up and gone home. Anywiz, after hearing something so dead useful for Bill, I'm having another think about staying on.

Sorry. Only, that's what's been on my mind, I reckon.

So tomorrow. Noon, or one alright with you? I want to hear what progress there's been on the runic fields.



 **[alt\\_frank](#)** at **[2013-06-07 17:20:22](#)**  
(no subject)

extra shifts?

yeah, I can see how that'd be important.

rough, though.

one's fine by me, but if you need it later, just say.



 **[alt\\_frank](#)** at **[2013-06-07 17:22:43](#)**  
(no subject)

and we did more than alright.

maybe we can pull in caradoc or dorcas to help with the breakout too? so you can concentrate more on the ministry stuff for now?

you ought to be there for young, though. and birdie, too. they liked you.



 **[alt\\_nymphadora](#)** at **[2013-06-07 17:45:13](#)**  
(no subject)

Sorry. Just woke up, but I'm ready. On my way.

**2013-06-06 23:12:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private message to Ron*



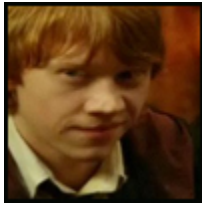
Right


I

 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)

I want to talk to you. Can I talk to you?

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 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-07 04:18:58](#)  
(no subject)

I don't know. Can you? Nobody's cursed your tongue off or your mouth shut have they? Or. What else could cause that? A rogue Muffliato?

If you can talk, I expect you can talk to me, yeah?


What about?



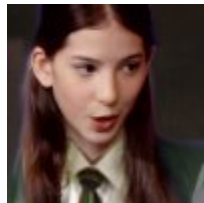
 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-07 04:22:05](#)  
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You are such a git.



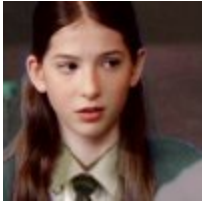
 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-07 04:24:01](#)  
(no subject)

Wot?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-07 04:24:36](#)  
(no subject)


A rogue muffliato, honestly.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-07 04:24:00](#)  
(no subject)

I mean I want to see you. I feel like we're running out of time and then it will be summer and it might be months.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-07 04:38:04](#)  
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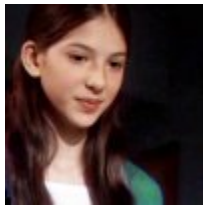
Uh? Oh.

Yeah. If you-

Yeah. Where did you want to meet? I should come down the dungeons and meet you so you don't have to go halfway across the castle-

Or wait- did you mean tomorrow? You probably- Sorry, yeah, I guess that was daft, thinking-

Wait. What did you mean?




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-07 04:39:58](#)  
(no subject)

If you don't mind sneaking out I'm game for it.

I mean with Umbridge gone, if they catch us we'll just get detention or something.



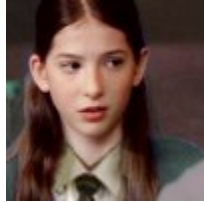
 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-07 04:42:36](#)  
(no subject)

On my way.

Er. Need to find my shoes, though first.

And not wake up Finnicky. Or Nev.


Be there in a tick!



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-07 04:44:07](#)  
(no subject)

Where do you want to meet?

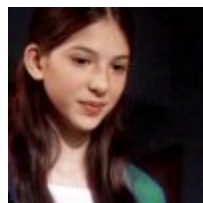


 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-07 04:54:19](#)  
(no subject)

Oh. Yeah, heh. I guess we need to say, don't we?

Um. D'you know, by the kitchens, there's a place where the corridor has a switchback-- y'know, it turns and then turns again, rightaway--anywiz, right there there's an opening onto this sort of disused corridor? It's not very long, but I think it's got the ladders at the end of it. Anywiz, no one ever goes down there I don't think.


Is that alright?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-07 04:54:41](#)  
(no subject)

Yes. I'll be there in a few minutes.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-07 11:41:50](#)  
(no subject)

Heya.

You awake? I didn't really sleep at all, I guess.

Anywiz. I was thinking of going out to the lake. If you're up, you could come out, too, maybe?

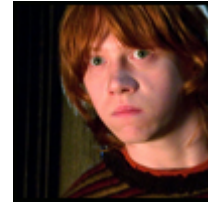


 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-07 12:50:53](#)  
(no subject)

Yeah. Okay.

**2013-06-07 10:42:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good:  
Private message to Sally-Anne*



 [alt\\_ron](#)

Um, where are you right now? I mean, well. I just got done with Brutka, and he said some interesting things about what I could do. Said I should be keeping my options open, too, which means I need to take Potions if I get high enough marks. I was thinking it'd be nice to be done with that. I mean, except for the Auror thing, but even I know that's a totally mad idea and Charlie couldn't really've been serious. But Dumbledore said I should stick with all those subjects. Just on principles, he said.

But, um, it sounded like you're on his list to talk to today, too. Has he sent you his card? It just popped up in the middle of the chess board while Towler and I were playing. Nice, that.

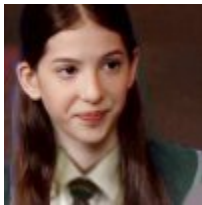
So. Uh. Tell me when you've seen him and we could do something? Yeah?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-07 17:15:21**  
(no subject)

Yeah.

Meet me by the lake.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-08 00:11:54**  
(no subject)


So.

My journal's suddenly got a whole lot more stuff in it.

Found anything interesting yet?





 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-08 00:12:58](#)  
(no subject)

I've just been reading Dad's. Sorry. I don't really care about the rest right now.

He was really... Sorta great, y'know?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-08 00:37:51](#)  
(no subject)

I hadn't even thought to look at your father's journal until you said that.

I guess you saw where he told Nick Towler that Nick was picked by his sons? including you.


I just wish



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-08 00:38:18](#)  
(no subject)

And yes. He was.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-08 04:56:33](#)  
(no subject)

Thanks, you.

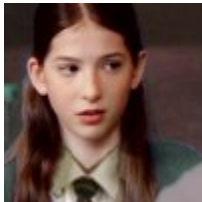
**2013-06-07 17:00:00**

*ORDER ONLY*

Welcome to our new members.



 [alt\\_albus](#)



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-07 21:21:18](#)

*(no subject)*

Um

Hi?



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-07 21:42:04](#)

*(no subject)*

Welcome, dear! Bill just hollered up the stairs at the Burrow to tell me to pick up and read my journal. We weren't expecting--oh, but I'm delighted I can speak to you all directly now!



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-07 21:48:16](#)

*(no subject)*

Yeah.

Hiya.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-07 21:55:30](#)

*(no subject)*

Good to have you on board, brother.

Really good to have you on board. Welcome.



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-07 21:56:57](#)  
(no subject)


Ron, dear, I'm just so....

Oh, how I wish your father had lived to see this day.

He would have been so very proud of you.


The way I am, too.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-08 04:43:41](#)  
(no subject)


Thanks, Mum. Yeah, I wish that, too.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-07 22:19:04](#)  
(no subject)


Me too.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-07 22:39:13](#)  
(no subject)

Welcome to the Order.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-07 23:22:12](#)  
*Private Message to Bill Weasley*

I know we were a package deal. And not all the package is what people would've wanted.

But we're here. And we're ready to do what needs to be done.

Anyways. Thank you for saying so. It means a lot.



 **[alt\\_mcgonagall](#)** at **[2013-06-07 23:09:16](#)**  
(no subject)

Welcome, Sextus.



 **[alt\\_mcgonagall](#)** at **[2013-06-07 23:08:52](#)**  
(no subject)

Welcome, Miss Perks.




 **[alt\\_neville](#)** at **[2013-06-07 21:29:52](#)**  
(no subject)

Thank you, sir.

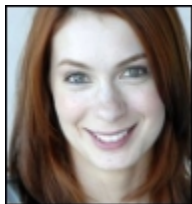
Hello.




 **[alt\\_neville](#)** at **[2013-06-07 21:30:19](#)**  
*Private message to Alice Longbottom and Frank Longbottom*

Mum?

Dad?



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-07 22:22:54](#)**  
*Re: Private message to Alice Longbottom and Frank Longbottom*

Hello, Neville.

Hello.



 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-07 22:24:35](#)


*Re: Private message to Alice Longbottom and Frank Longbottom*

hey kiddo.

been waiting for this for a long time.

welcome on board.



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-07 22:45:12](#)

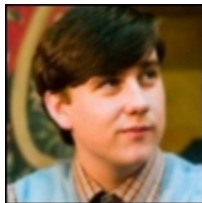
*Re: Private message to Alice Longbottom and Frank Longbottom*

Oh, Merlin, to be able to speak to you anytime we want, you've no idea--

Well, that's stupid, of course you do.

I reckon this will take some adjustment on all of our parts. But I'm so glad. And like Luna said, we have a lot of reading to do.

Too bad I'm such a slow reader.



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-07 22:48:11](#)

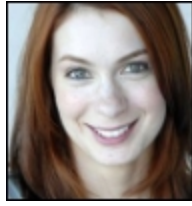
*Re: Private message to Alice Longbottom and Frank Longbottom*


Look. About Malfoy. He's really prickly, and sometimes he comes across like an arse. Just--I think there's something worthwhile there, really.

He is trying. It's been a huge adjustment for him; he only recently joined our group, the Institute, and I think he's still reeling from the shock of revelations he got with that group.

I do think it was probably the right move to swear him in here, though, although I bet it would surprise the hell out him that I would say that. I don't think he thinks very much of me. He is utterly loyal to Harry Marvolo. So that's something.

Just...ignore his manner as much as possible and deal with him calmly. Mum, I bet you'll be able to do it really well.

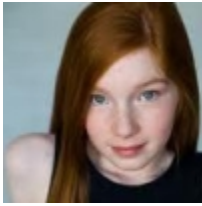



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-07 23:03:02](#)**

*Re: Private message to Alice Longbottom and Frank Longbottom*

Duly noted, love.

I must admit, I was not expecting him to say yes, but I'm glad he has. I trust he'll keep our secrets, and the rest will come along in time.



 **[alt\\_evelyn](#)** at **[2013-06-07 22:19:48](#)**

*(no subject)*

Yes, thank you very much!



 **[alt\\_frank](#)** at **[2013-06-07 22:29:19](#)**

*(no subject)*

hello, sweet heart.

it's good to be able to write you.




 **[alt\\_mcgonagall](#)** at **[2013-06-07 23:09:36](#)**

*(no subject)*

Welcome, Mr. Longbottom.




 **[alt\\_neville](#)** at **[2013-06-08 00:03:54](#)**

*(no subject)*


Thank you, ma'am.



 **[alt\\_luna](#)** at **[2013-06-07 21:31:20](#)**  
(no subject)


This is going to be extraordinarily interesting, catching up on all this reading this weekend.



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-07 21:33:05](#)**  
(no subject)

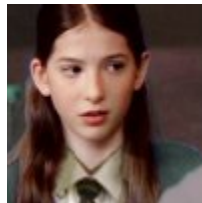
What the--?!



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-07 21:40:09](#)**  
(no subject)

Well, welcome! Forgive us if we seem a little flat-footed, but we have already determined we want you in, and Albus simply caught us a little by surprising on the timing of you becoming active, so to speak.


(Albus. You did swear Ron in, too? He'll be on tonight as well?)



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-07 21:43:06](#)**  
(no subject)

Ron's in.




 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-07 21:53:56](#)**  
(no subject)

That's a real relief.

Hey! He just answered above....




 [alt\\_ron at 2013-06-07 21:55:20](#)  
(no subject)

Yeah, Ron's in.

Sorry if you're disappointed.



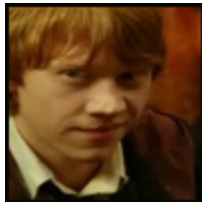
 [alt\\_bill at 2013-06-07 22:01:50](#)  
(no subject)


I'm not, Ron. I'm not, I swear. I swear by--by anything you like. By my first broomstick. By my wand.

I thought of making this private, but decided, no, I want all of you lot see me say this to you.

Albus is right. You were right.

I was wrong. I was an idiot. I'm sorry. It's important to me for you to know that.




 [alt\\_ron at 2013-06-08 04:49:55](#)  
(no subject)

All right.

Let's not talk about that anymore, yeah? It's done.




 [alt\\_bill at 2013-06-09 02:34:31](#)  
(no subject)

Very well then.





 **alt\_lupin** at [2013-06-07 21:34:21](#)

*Private message to Albus Dumbledore and Alice Longbottom*

Albus Dumbledore, WHAT THE BLOODY HELL?

Alice, did he discuss this with you?



 **alt\_lupin** at [2013-06-07 21:55:23](#)

*Re: Private message to Albus Dumbledore and Alice Longbottom*

YOU SWORE IN

You swore in Draco Malfoy? And Hydra Lestrage. I see.

You know if you had warned us you were about to do this I might have tempered my comments ABOUT DRACO'S FATHER that I made, oh, the day before yesterday?



 **alt\_alice** at [2013-06-07 22:14:32](#)

*Re: Private message to Albus Dumbledore and Alice Longbottom*

This is the first I've heard of it.



 **alt\_alice** at [2013-06-07 22:17:35](#)

*Private Message to Remus*

We were planning on doing this anyways. And making the offer to everyone.

It's a surprise, and I was rather hoping

Well. It's a surprise. But it's not going against what we were hoping to accomplish a few weeks ago.


I didn't think they all would say yes. So I suppose we may have Albus to thank for that.



 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at [2013-06-07 21:34:42](#)  
(no subject)

How many new members?!




 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-07 21:35:03](#)  
(no subject)

I'm happy to welcome you all to the Order.

Albus, just how many people am I welcoming?



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-07 21:36:48](#)  
(no subject)

Um. All of us?



 [alt\\_gredforge](#) at [2013-06-07 21:38:10](#)  
(no subject)

**OUTSTANDING!!!**

**HIGH TIME FOR IT!!!**



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-07 21:43:40](#)  
(no subject)

Hey we're on a lock together again!



 [alt\\_gredforge](#) at [2013-06-07 21:47:18](#)  
(no subject)

Makes conspiring together SO much easier! And this is where we do the really treasonous stuff!



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-07 21:50:14](#)  
(no subject)

We were plenty treasonous on ISS, too.


But yeah we've come a long way from setting lice on Ravenclaw Tower, haven't we?



 [alt\\_gredforge](#) at [2013-06-07 21:52:29](#)  
(no subject)

On to bigger and more powerful vermin!




 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-07 21:44:29](#)  
*Private message to Albus Dumbledore*

Albus, really! What a thing to spring on us all without any warning!

And didn't you even stop to think that Alice would have liked the chance to swear her own children in herself?!




 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-07 21:48:48](#)  
(no subject)

Hello.

Sorry!




 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-07 22:20:55](#)**  
(no subject)

There's nothing to be sorry about. If I'd hadn't got sick, this would've been done weeks ago.

Welcome.



 **[alt\\_hydra](#)** at **[2013-06-07 22:29:29](#)**  
(no subject)

Oh, that's not what I was saying sorry for.

Thank you very much.




 **[alt\\_mcgonagall](#)** at **[2013-06-07 23:10:41](#)**  
(no subject)

Welcome, Miss Lestrange.

It is quite odd to write that. But welcome all the same.



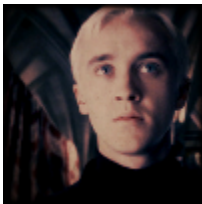
 **[alt\\_terry](#)** at **[2013-06-07 21:51:22](#)**  
(no subject)


I'm SO happy that you're on with this lock now.

(Um...if you go back and read, you're gonna find out a lot of surprising things.

Some of it's kind of rough stuff, too. Just a warning.)


Welcome!



 **[alt\\_draco](#)** at **[2013-06-07 21:53:01](#)**  
(no subject)

Some of us have already noticed.



 [alt\\_terry](#) at [2013-06-07 22:55:48](#)  
(no subject)

You were right to swear in, Draco, I'm sure of it. The Order is lucky to have you. Give them a chance, all right?

Welcome.



 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at [2013-06-07 22:59:06](#)  
(no subject)

New alliances can be difficult, son, but they are still worth building.

I look forward to working with you.



 [alt\\_mcgonagall](#) at [2013-06-07 23:11:25](#)  
(no subject)

Welcome, Mr. Malfoy.

I fear you may find your lying abilities—taxed, shall we say.




 [alt\\_poppy](#) at [2013-06-07 21:53:15](#)  
(no subject)

Oh, Albus.

You do have a way with things.

Welcome, all. I would invite you to drop in some time, but on the whole, I'd rather you didn't need to. And not because I in anyway doubt your discretion.



 [alt\\_charlie](#) at [2013-06-07 22:01:23](#)  
(no subject)

Good to see you all.



 [alt\\_severus](#) at [2013-06-07 22:02:40](#)  
(no subject)

What an unexpected pleasure.




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-07 22:40:58](#)  
(no subject)

Hello.

Thanks, Professor.




 [alt\\_mcgonagall](#) at [2013-06-07 23:08:35](#)  
*Private Message to Albus Dumbledore and Severus Snape*

Of course, it has only just now occurred to me that this means that my current students shall see all manner of intensely private things.

I am holding both of you personally accountable for not pointing this out to me.

The others would not have thought of it.



 [alt\\_severus](#) at [2013-06-08 08:43:26](#)  
*Re: Private Message to Albus Dumbledore and Severus Snape*

We must all suffer indignities from time to time in service towards what Albus would no doubt deem "the greater good".

If it is any consolation, the children have proven themselves excellent secret keepers.



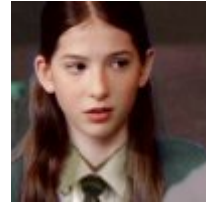
 **alt\_susan** at **2013-06-08 01:26:50**  
(no subject)

I'm honoured, sir.

Er, hello everyone.

**2013-06-07 19:16:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)

So okay Professor Brutkadore swore me in this afternoon and I spent most of this afternoon reading stuff. Things I've found out:

1. Headmistress McGonagall was involved in the conspiracy with Mr Selwyn to kill the Lord Protector. Also it sounds like she quit drinking, which is good. I found some old minutes where they seemed to think we shouldn't join the Order because we'd find out about the drinking and pfft, as if we hadn't noticed, she was sometimes soused at dinner in the Great Hall. (Or maybe no one else noticed? I noticed.)

2. Mr Selwyn tried to recruit Bill Weasley, I guess because he helped develop the journals and oh you know, when they said their secret method of communication was 'designed by a Weasley' that must mean he made the Order lock, just like the Twins made our lock. Clearly if you want a journal system without secret back doors, don't let Weasleys anywhere near it.

3. Mr Lupin DOES take minutes like mine. Like Hermione said.

4. They are totally not actually planning a revolution, Draco's right, they can't even take advantage of opportunities handed to them, although at least they seem to know that's a problem. Argh.

5. There were British royalty at that hideous dark rite Harry saw even though I have SEEN pictures from Freedom Day and they were ALL KILLED. There were BODIES.

Maybe they were polyjuiced bodies.

6. They explain horcruxes a little better. A horcrux is what you get if you put part of your soul into an object; this makes you immortal, unless people can find the object and destroy it. Frankly that suggests that we SHOULD take Dark Arts, given that Professor Dolohov specifically mentioned 'cursed and magic-infused objects (the making, safe handling, and disposal thereof)' as part of the curriculum.

7. It was Sarah Fawcett's BROTHER who cursed Diggory. By accident. He wanted to kill Umbridge and I guess his aim is terrible? He's a

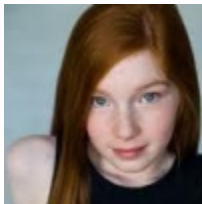



member of the Crimson Company and now he's working for the Order but he's not a member.

So what have the rest of you found?

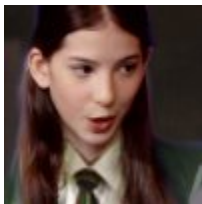
This is going to take weeks to get through. Or months. Maybe we should split it up. I don't think we want to assume they'll TELL us everything important. We could each take an Order member, read back for the last five years of entries, and then tell everyone about the interesting bits.

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 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at [2013-06-08 00:47:14](#)  
(no subject)

Nev and me are already reading up on mum and dad, so we can fill you in on them once we're done if you like.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-08 02:14:16](#)  
(no subject)

8. That muggle camp that the foreign students toured, along with a few students from Hogwarts -- Pansy went, I think, she said it looked a little like Ottery St Catchpole. Anyway, it was cute and quaint because it was a complete fake. Mr Weasley was in charge of making it look nice.

Which

I can't quite believe they bothered. They COULD have told the foreign students no. I guess in some ways they do care how other countries see them?



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-08 03:10:57](#)  
(no subject)

9. They were totally planning to kill Umbridge. Only we plated her first.

10. Ireland is going to give me rather bad dreams, I think.


11. Mrs Longbottom's entries are really, really long.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-08 04:09:47](#)  
(no subject)

12. Aurelia Archer's uncle was in the Order. He used his ring to kill himself when MLE came to arrest him.




 [alt\\_susan](#) at [2013-06-08 04:27:13](#)  
(no subject)

Oh. I didn't see that.

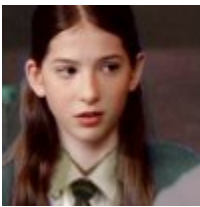
I can't t



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-08 16:57:38](#)  
*Private Message to Sally-Anne*

...Case in point.

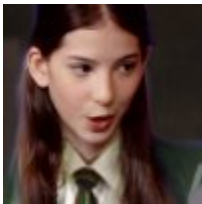
What do you think? About the farms? And the Strettons?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-08 02:34:43](#)  
(no subject)

It's really weird to see them talking about us.

It's especially weird to see them talking about ME.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-08 02:35:31](#)  
(no subject)

I mean not that they do all that often. But it's often enough to be weird.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-08 03:05:42](#)

*Private message to Pansy*

Have you read anything from last December?

From right after Mr Weasley died. Bill Weasley's posts especially.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-08 03:12:31](#)

*Re: Private message to Pansy*

Oh.

...Oh.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-08 03:16:47](#)

*Re: Private message to Pansy*

Yeah.

They made Seamus Finnigan kill his own mum.


I kind of understand why they wanted to keep that a secret from us. That's just

Well you'll note I sent a PM instead of pointing it out to everyone.

AND they had Bill Weasley come watch it happen. I guess it makes slightly more sense why he fell apart when Ron asked if he could join the Order.

And it was Dolohov.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-08 03:20:21](#)

*Re: Private message to Pansy*

Yes.

it was.

**2013-06-07 19:51:00**

*ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Alice*

all right then?



 [alt\\_frank](#)



 [alt\\_alice](#) at **2013-06-08 00:04:47**

*(no subject)*

I'm fine.

I'll be fine.

I just needed to go for a bit of a stroll to cool my head.

I can't really get angry with him, can I? He created the Order to begin with, and he did what I've been trying to get done for months. And rather handily too. It's rather ridiculous to claim that my and Minerva's authority has been undermined when it's done by Albus Dumbledore.

That doesn't mean that I don't find it absolutely infuriating that he can be silent for months, and then swoop in and take us all by surprise. I'd just rather he made those sorts of decisions all the time or not at all, and showing a bit of courtesy by telling us about his plans would certainly help.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at **2013-06-08 00:06:17**

*(no subject)*

And I must admit to feeling rather selfish about wanting to swear in Neville and Evelyn myself.




 [alt\\_frank](#) at **2013-06-08 00:19:26**

*(no subject)*

we could do something this summer. make it special.



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-08 00:21:19](#)**  
(no subject)

I'd like that, I think.

And we'll get to talk to them whenever we want.  
No more waiting.

I know you'd rather Evelyn not be a part of this just yet, but it is rather heady to think about having them so close after keeping them at arms length for so long.




 **[alt\\_frank](#)** at **[2013-06-08 00:22:59](#)**  
(no subject)

just wish she didn't have so much growing up to do so soon, is all.

and now that they can read everything, I mean, hell, Al. it's not pretty.




 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-08 00:25:17](#)**  
(no subject)

I know what you mean.

And no, parts of it aren't. But it's who you are, Frank Longbottom. And dearest, you are the bravest man I know.

Our children will love you regardless of your tendency to swear, I promise.



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-08 00:40:14](#)**  
(no subject)

And blast it all, I was going to coordinate taking our next farm tonight, but this rather trumps everything for the time being and getting people focused will be a challenge, so it'll have to wait

for morning.




 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-08 00:18:50](#)  
(no subject)

yeah.

yeah, I figured you'd get all thoughtful about it.

he should've said something.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-08 00:29:47](#)  
(no subject)

Oh, let's just say I let loose with a few of your favourite words first, love. Mostly due to shock, mind. This past year has had its fair share of unexpected revelations, and if people don't start communicating better, I will go utterly mad and my hair will turn completely white by this time next year.

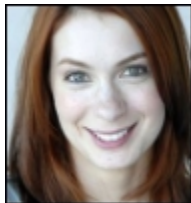
But I'm glad it's happened, and what an honour for all of them.




 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-08 00:32:52](#)  
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yeah. it is.


and good to know I'll have a madwoman on my hands in a year. I'll start padding the room now.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-08 00:35:08](#)  
(no subject)


I love you.



 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-08 00:35:59](#)  
(no subject)

love you too.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-08 00:37:30](#)  
(no subject)

Even if I end up white-haired and drooling?



 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-08 00:40:44](#)  
(no subject)


especially then.



 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-08 00:41:04](#)  
(no subject)

I hear mad chicks are tigers in bed.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-08 00:41:32](#)  
(no subject)

Frank!



**2013-06-07 21:31:00**

*Order Only: Question and Answer session for the Institute*




 **alt\_gredforge**

Fred, George, and Lee will be in the usual place we hold meetings, tomorrow afternoon after lunch. That should give you the chance to at least get started reading some stuff.

We'll answer questions for you, if you like, or if you prefer, it'll just be a safe place where people can just talk about what they've read. We know it's a lot to absorb.

You won't be sorry you joined. Honest.



 **alt\_neville** at **2013-06-08 02:38:43**

*(no subject)*

Are any of you available tonight? Not to talk, just for company. Maybe to play chess.




 **alt\_gredforge** at **2013-06-08 02:39:40**

*(no subject)*

Sure. Meet you down in the Common Room?



 **alt\_neville** at **2013-06-08 02:40:48**

*Private message for Fred and George Weasley*

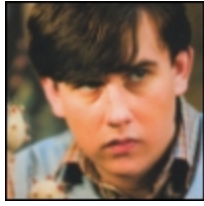
I don't know if I can stay in the dorm tonight. Maybe I'll sleep on one of the couches.




 **alt\_gredforge** at **2013-06-08 02:41:21**

*Re: Private message for Fred and George Weasley*

Why? What's the matter?



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-08 02:43:40](#)

*Re: Private message for Fred and George Weasley*

Evelyn and I were reading Mum and Dad's pages. We ran across the stuff about Ireland, and, well, that was upsetting. And so I started skipping around a bit, just jumping to different people's journals. And I found the bit that Bill wrote about the rite last December.

Merlin. I found out about Seamus.

It's like--I feel like I set him up for that.

Because I went to Dolohov.




 [alt\\_gredforge](#) at [2013-06-08 02:46:13](#)

*Re: Private message for Fred and George Weasley*

That's why we figured people would probably need to talk. There's a lot of difficult stuff in there, hard choices and ugly things. Terry's right. It's hard stuff to read.

Sure, we'll keep you company tonight, Nev.



 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at [2013-06-08 03:03:41](#)

*Private Message to Neville*

You okay, Pete?

I kept reading dad's entries after you left because if I stopped in Ireland, it was almost like he would still be there in my head, and I didn't want that.

And I think you ought to read what he wrote about in July. It might make you feel better?



 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at [2013-06-08 05:17:14](#)


*Re: Private Message to Neville*

It's no good. Whenever I close my eyes I see what happened to Mr Benjy and Ms Jacinda, only it's dad who's dying and mum's holding him and crying.

I'm glad he didn't die.

He sounded so sad, Pete.



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-08 12:42:58](#)

*Re: Private Message to Neville*

That did make me feel better. In fact, it was dead amazing to read. And Terry! I had NO IDEA when I saw him at the Burrow at the vigil last December that it wasn't my first time seeing him since he left

Hogwarts. That sly dog. Literally! That memory charm was really good.

You know, as awful as some of this information is, it's gotta be much easier for you and me and Ron to read than, say, Draco Malfoy. We're getting to know our parents in ways that just make us admire them more--except that Mr Weasley did have to do dreadful things to keep his job, so that he could help other people.

But Draco Malfoy? There's no up side for him to reading all this, unless it's more important for him to know the truth than keep his illusions about his dad.

I wonder if he's regretting joining at all now.



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-08 12:55:15](#)

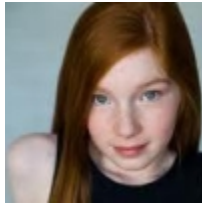
*Re: Private Message to Neville*

Being with Fred and George and Lee really did help. We made sort of an all night party of it and even though we couldn't talk about what I was reading--too public a space for that--it was comforting, really. They were good at talking about other things when I needed distraction, and quiet when I wanted to read.

I hope people come to the gathering this afternoon. That was a good idea.

How are you doing this morning? Did you end up sleeping at all? Yeah, the Irish stuff was hard to read, and so sad.

I'm pleased they elected Mum to take Mr Weasley's place. That shows good judgement, I reckon. It seems like she's doing a really good job of it, too.



 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at [2013-06-08 15:07:48](#)


*Re: Private Message to Neville*

I didn't sleep much, no. There was just too much floating around in my head.

I'll go to the meeting. Maybe that'll help.

And our mum is brilliant.



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-08 18:35:13](#)

*Re: Private Message to Neville*

There's something else I need to say, Lindy.

In some ways, Moddey Dhoo sounds like a paradise. Well, it sounds like a paradise, but I bet Mum and Dad would admit that it has none of the comforts we're used to, living at home and at Hogwarts. For all I know, the drains are bad--if there are any at all--and maybe they don't always have enough to eat. But living there would mean being with Mum and Dad, and Kev, and doing work we believe in, and never having to pretend.

While it's tempting to say I'm done with my OWLs and that's good enough, and to ask if I can go to join them and live with them permanently, I'm not going to do that. For one thing, I couldn't leave you all alone here at Hogwarts, all by yourself with blood traitor taint. For another thing, it would never work. Once I disappeared, they'd probably figure that I went to join them, so what do you know? And they'd swoop down on you and take apart your mind with veritaserum or legilimancy.

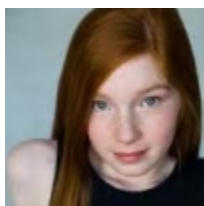
The other thing is this: they're our parents, and they made their

decision years ago about what would be the best thing for us. And they thought that was to live with Gran and get a Hogwarts education. They sacrificed a lot to give us that. It was a good decision, made with the best of facts they had at the time, they have the authority to make it, and I trust their judgement. Especially after spending the last day reading old journal entries. I'm just glad I have parents to make decisions about our welfare.

I figured you might be afraid to ask, so I thought I'd set your mind at ease.

I'm staying.

(Unless Mum and Dad for some reason decide otherwise and bring all of us AND Gran to live at Moddey Dhoo. But in a way, having us join the Order so we can talk to each other is going to make our present arrangement a lot easier anyway.)



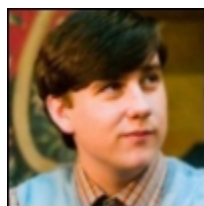
 **[alt\\_evelyn](#) at 2013-06-08 20:55:59**


*Re: Private Message to Neville*

Thank you.

I can see how we'd do good there, but I can also see how we'd do good here. How we've been doing good already. And how we'd have more choices if we stayed.

I still want to visit, though.




 **[alt\\_neville](#) at 2013-06-09 00:53:25**

*Re: Private Message to Neville*

Oh, I do too, absolutely. I wonder if we'll be given the chance this summer?



 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at [2013-06-08 15:03:37](#)

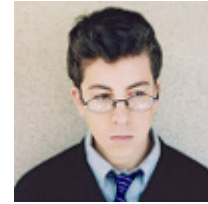
*Re: Private Message to Neville*

Maybe it'll help Pansy and Draco think twice about joining up with them. The Council, I mean. Even if they'd be doing it to help.

**2013-06-07 22:35:00**

*Private Message to Cedric*

I hope your recuperation proceeds apace, and that you have everything you need to keep you well-occupied and moving forward.



 [alt\\_linus](#)

You'd find the Castle a bit odd today, I believe. It's very probably some combination of the end of exams for the years that had them, ~~the end of term for those leaving~~ and career discussions for those of us who had those. As to the latter, mine went rather well -- Professors Siz, Vector and Babbling had suggestions and commentary which were in accord with and in support of my hopes and, indeed, most of my current plans for coursework. Certain others among the ranks of fifth years seemed considerably more distracted by their interviews today, and a few were almost shaken. You'd think considering their future paths was an entirely new idea to some of them, the way they wandered about in a haze of contemplation, though perhaps it was merely that OWLs had taken up every scrap of their focus and powers. Half the Slytherin table were giving each other dazed looks at dinner. Lovegood also looked a million miles away, but then she does tend to inhabit that expression on a regular basis, so perhaps it does not signify.

In any case, we miss you, and we are thinking of you, and I am certain I speak for all of us here when I tender you our best regards and wishes.

I may have more time to write you than expected these next few weeks, as I am rather in the doghouse with Miss Brown, and therefore I shall be reassigning the time I set aside to write her poetry and other amusements to epistolary endeavours with a higher likelihood of being received by something other than an Incendio.



 [alt\\_cedric](#) at **2013-06-09 12:42:46**  
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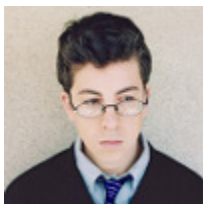
This would ~~half~~ have been the seventh time I'd have ~~scene~~ seen everyone looking like that. I am sorry to miss the Feast, but it is easy enough to keep in touch in our whirled.


I have no relationship advice four when you've busted the play as badly as it sounds like you have. Mine seem to either flame out or

sputter and dye at that point. You're a fine, intelligent lad. You'll find someone else whose who's a good match for you.

If you have the time this summer, you are welcome to stop buy. Just send word first, I have many appointments with the healers and wouldn't want to miss you.

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 [alt\\_linus](#) at [2013-06-09 20:04:51](#)

*(no subject)*

Thank you for the invitation. It would be very fine to be able to see you and catch up on news, and I will certainly send word before I come, so as not to cross wands with your therapeutic duties and schedule.

As to Miss Brown, I have been thinking that perhaps an abject apology might be the correct action at this point. While as you know I did not **actually** dance with any of the young ladies in question at the reception, Lav still **thinks** that I did, and her feelings of unhappiness are based on an illusion I cannot dispell without breaking faith with you. (I don't know exactly what wedding surprise that lot were pulling, when they needed distraction, but I hope it came off splendidly. Professors Siz and Raz seemed reasonably pleased the whole time and since, so I am assuming it did. I just hadn't expected that there would be a bit of side-along damage, so to speak, and certainly not to myself. But ah, well, weddings are a time to make merry, and if it was in a good cause, I am on broom, as it were.) In any case, in order to continue to uphold my part in the endeavour, I should conduct myself as any swain does who has somehow enraged his ladylove, and I am given to understand that the thing to do in such cases is to apologise and to fling oneself onto the sward that one's lady might stomp one until she is properly satisfied. (Although I think perhaps Ptolemy might have been pulling my leg a bit on that one, particularly with the addendum "Especially if you have done nothing actually wrong." Karo is a fine sister, but she does have her trying qualities.)

However, I do think it was ill-considered of me to imply that, er, witches' health matters were perhaps overbalancing her usually serene temperament. That did make things quite a bit worse, I own.

Right. We'll see what apologising does. And meanwhile, are there



any books I might send you, to brighten your moments? I do have a few that are self-reading, from when I had that horrid illiteratus curse from Madam Pinkness, but I don't think you are likely to be diverted by works on speculative Arithmancy.

**2013-06-08 03:12:00**

*Order Only: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hydra Lestrangle*



 **alt\_severus**

It occurs to me that you, of all our recent initiates, might find certain aspects of the information to which you now have access unpalatable.

While I cannot pretend to be practised at offering a comforting shoulder, if there are aspects of the material you are no doubt poring over that you find overly full of the foolish sentimentality that is the inevitable hallmark of any organisation so populated with Gryffindors and those deemed blood-traitors, I will offer what skill I have in explaining and contextualising the Order's efforts, their successes, and their failures. Please do also extend that offer to Miss Perks and Miss Parkinson; I thought it more suitable, given your familial connections and the reality of past discussions, to write you, but I am well aware you four may find yourselves struggling with the comparative lack of subtlety presented herein.


Allow me to say I am pleased that the induction of your cohort will offer a much-needed perspective to an organisation whose ideals and scruples occasionally, alas, outpace their execution. Though it can be nothing but bittersweet, and while I am certain the next several months will be a period of exceptionally difficult adjustment, you are welcome.



 **alt\_hydra** at **2013-06-08 16:54:58**  
(no subject)

Well I didn't suppose they'd have very nice things to say about Mummy, or Daddy, for that matter. Did Sirius Black really think I was a spy, though? That's rather funny. Especially since



 **alt\_draco** at **2013-06-08 17:13:21**  
(no subject)

There is a lot to read, it will all take some time. What an enjoyable summer project.

From what I can discern, they're incredibly successful

at exactly what I assumed: smuggling goods, stealing wands, and babies. That Davidson bloke seems to have it together.

Macnair seems to have hassled them a lot about what their plan is to upend the Protectorate and the Lord Protector, but then he sort of stopped. Do you know why? Maybe because no one gave any answers.



 **alt\_draco** at **2013-06-08 17:33:22**  
(no subject)

Also, are Lupin, Black, and Nymphadora in some kind of threesome?

**2013-06-08 06:38:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Harry Marvolo and Sally-Anne Perks*



 [alt\\_terry](#)


I may be far too late to warn--I'm sorry--but I've been going back over my own journal, trying to review what you're going to find out about. Anyway, I just wanted to tell you that the November 7 entry that Mr Arthur Weasley made last fall is probably going to be quite awful for Draco and Pansy to read. Bad for you, too, I guess, Harry. Mr Malfoy's always treated you kindly, hasn't he? It's going to be quite a shock for them to find out, exactly why the Order hates him so badly.

Anyway, I wanted to give you both a warning to read it first, if it's not too late, and to be with them when they discover it. I don't think either of them should be alone today.

I'm very sorry. That may be one of the worst discoveries to uncover, although I'm not sure. There's a lot of material to cover.

Maybe it would be good if you could go to Fred and George and Lee's gathering today.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at **2013-06-09 03:37:11**  
(no subject)

Thanks for letting us know, Terry.

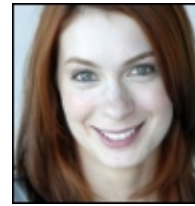
We went. It was okay. I think everyone's still reading a lot of stuff. I mean, there's a lot to get through, you

know?

**2013-06-08 11:08:00**

*ORDER ONLY*

First of all, I'd like to offer my warmest welcome to our newest members. I'm sure you have no end of questions -- Fred, George, Lee, thank you for organising a meeting in person. We can also talk a great deal more directly using the lock, so please don't hesitate to start taking advantage.



 [alt\\_alice](#)

I'm hoping we might try to get together this summer for some additional training in defence, field medicine, and apparation, as well as have a general meeting to discuss ideas for what sort of things you'd like to work on for the upcoming year that we can help with.

A rather obvious thing we've got to work on as a larger group would be learning as much as we can about Horcruxes. I'm not sure how much information there is at Hogwarts, but some of you may have access to libraries that might provide useful information, so that might be something to look into this summer as well. Sirius, I know we'll be thoroughly digging through the library at Grimmauld as well. Albus, any direction you could provide here would be useful.

On more immediate business, we've got the solstice quickly approaching, and I'd also like to see how many farms we can liberate before security policies change.

As far as the solstice is concerned, there are a few things that need doing: I'm going to request a supply of hand-crank radios from Aleks, as many as he can round up, in anticipation of distributing them eventually for Turner's radio initiative. The news that he's found thirty wands to bring along as well is excellent. I'll see if there's any equipment that the Aldrich farms are requesting that would be hard for us to find on our own as well.

Last I talked to Davidson, there were eight people he'd managed to cull from nearby communities for the next trip out, and Frank wants to give a small-scale breakout at Dacorum a try, with Dorcas assisting. It'd mean we'd be sending out both boats with a rather full load, but given the recent lull in activity I think we can risk it. Sirius, could Aleks take on twenty? Just to know how many to aim for at Dacorum.

In terms of the farms, there are a few options. I'm leaning towards the farm in Scotland with the MacNichols -- we've got a rather solid

inroad there, and they'd be of great help. Bill, a topographical map of that farm would be greatly useful. Kingsley, Sirius, I'd like you to go there along with a representative from Aldrich to talk things over. Preferably, it'd be best if you took along one of the Muggles. The sooner the better -- can you go there tomorrow? Cecelia's prepping the anchors, and we've already started stockpiling salt (it really is very handy to be by the coast in times like these), so we could be ready to move very quickly. Just let us know if that would be a viable option, and when you're ready for us. Once we move, I'll need Remus and Caradoc to help with the anchors, and Davidson and Turner have agreed to provide a security detail to help. After all, it directly serves their best interest to have a shared stake in this. I'm not sure if we'll have the luck to encounter someone like Norman there, but there might be a Muggleborn who is Hogwarts-trained who could serve as secret-keeper. I'd like to keep it in-house if possible, so please be on the lookout for possibilities.

We might do well to look into other farming operations too. I'd like to get at least one more before the end of the month. I know it's a lot of work, but as they're self-sustaining, it's not as much of a strain on our own limited resources, and I think it's a worthwhile investment while everything is still in a bit of chaos. Sally-Anne, I hesitated to target the Strettons for this sort of operation when it was just the one farm, as that might lead to some unwanted attention, but if it's one of several, that changes things. You know many of the people who work there, we've got parents of a child at Moddey there, and it'd be a great deal simpler to convince them of our good intentions as a result. However, there are a few things to consider. First of all, it'd directly impact your foster family in a very real way. We'd try to keep them from getting hurt, similarly to the Aldrich family, but it's still a risk. And, if your foster family is cut off from their livelihood, that could make things difficult for you. What are your thoughts? The Stretton farm isn't the only place we could go. Remus, any other farms you know of that we could target?

Other things... Kingsley, thank you for passing along the list of requests from Aldrich. It looks like they are still stable for the time being, which is a relief, and we'll try to get as many of their requests to them as we can. Remus, Sirius, Tonks, I think it'd be wise of us to set up a trade agreement with them for Lazslo's sooner rather than later -- it'd set a good precedent for trade between the farms, and would give us a bit more structure in terms of the flow of goods. If you could draw up some paperwork for that, it'd be helpful.

Tonks, Frank, thank you for your continued work in the camps. Please

keep us posted as to your progress.


Pomona, Poppy, I'd like us to look into providing additional nutritional supplements in anticipation of the additional farms we'll be liberating, and Poppy, I'll send along the Aldrich list of medical supplies they're in need of. I might ask you to add a stop there to your rounds this summer to see if there's anything you can help with as well.

Fred, George, Lee, let's plan on having you come to Moddey as soon as you are able for at least a solid week to get you started on some projects Fu's been saving up for you.

That's certainly quite enough to chew over for now. Kingsley, Sirius, we'll be waiting on your report from Scotland.

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 **alt\_alice** at **2013-06-08 17:03:24**  
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Severus -- I'm also assuming that once you'll be able to get away for a bit, you'll be able to continue your work on the Sleepers with Stephen.

Please let me know when we can anticipate your arrival, and what you'd be in need of.



 **alt\_sirius** at **2013-06-08 21:33:42**  
(no subject)


Allie,

Twenty shouldn't be a problem. Owl is on its way.

Kingsley, I'm Flooing to Aldrich to find a volunteer to talk to the others on the MacNichols' farm. From there, I can side-along him (or her) up to Scotland. (It's all right. I've been eating crystallised ginger all afternoon.)


Oh, and if we're looking for other farms, Allie, Terrie's might do. I'll see if I can't write her and see what she says.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-09 03:00:36](#)  
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Please do. Thank you, love.



 [alt\\_poppy](#) at [2013-06-09 04:16:28](#)  
(no subject)

Absolutely, Alice.

I'll look for your list from Aldrich, and I'm always happy to include useful stops to my itinerary.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 15:36:52](#)  
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The library I know of that would be most likely to have information about horcruxes is Professor Dolohov's.

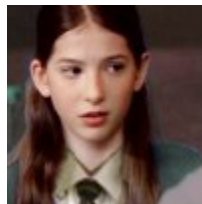
I don't think I want to go to him to ask about horcruxes this week, though. Even next autumn it's going to be a bit suspicious. Maybe Headmistress McGonagall could, though.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-09 18:29:19](#)  
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I could ask him.

Or at least see if he told me what it was they were doing during the ceremony.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 18:43:05](#)  
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I think you should start with that. What were they doing, was he never really dead, all that sort of thing. I mean it's not a secret you were there. They didn't even tell you not to tell anyone so it's not even REALLY a secret that Draco, Pansy, Hydra and I know what happened because they didn't tell you that you that you couldn't



tell your friends what happened.

Anyway. See if Professor Dolohov knows (and tells you) and if he does, see what else he'll tell you about that sort of magic and ask him if he has any books you can borrow.




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-09 18:50:19](#)  
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Okay.

Professor Dumbledore said that horcruxes might've had something to do with the ceremony last year. So I could bring up what Voldemort wanted me to do with the snitch, too. To see if he makes the connection.

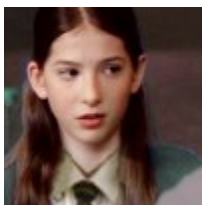


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Good idea.

Though you might want to think through a story to explain why you think it might be related. That doesn't involve anyone we're not supposed to be talking to.

Although maybe you could say that your Father told you that if you followed his instructions, you would be impossible to kill.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 15:54:03](#)  
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And about the Strettons.

They don't have a lot of people there doing security unless things have changed. The unpredictable bit is Jeremy Stretton. He's Percy Weasley's age. He works for his parents and lives at home. He's got a crush on Maureen, the muggleborn nanny who takes care of Gemma and Max and Valentine.

I think Maureen would run away, if she knew about the Order. I think if you took over the farm you could definitely trust her.

Because of his THING for Maureen I think Jeremy would also want to

stay and would say that he wanted to be part of this and everything else only I have absolutely no idea what he'd do if Maureen told him to get lost, I just don't. I think you could probably trust him. But it would be complicated, trying to figure that out.

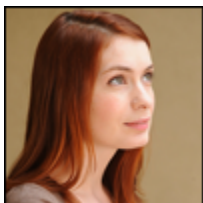
(Of course if you let him in to the Order he'll see this so let me just say hi, Jeremy, if you're reading! I really appreciated it that time when you taunted Lana Sandoval by sitting in her favourite seat at the Quidditch match, it was utterly petty but really satisfying. It really felt like I had an older brother, that day.)


Here's the other bit that worries me, I guess, if you took the Stretton farm. A lot of the muggles come from other places, and some of them have family they weren't allowed to bring who they haven't seen in years. And friends. Back in camps and other places, sometimes awful places. Anyway there are going to be loads of muggles who won't stay put, they'll say 'I'm coming straight back' and they'll go off to find their friend at Lincoln or whatever and bring them back, unless you lie and tell them that if you leave the Fidelius they can never come back in.

Anyway some of them are going to get caught. If they say, 'Frank and Alice Longbottom helped us, and so did Sirius Black!' that won't tell MLE or Muggle Control anything more than they already knew, that you lot are dangerous outlaws doing illegal things. But if they say 'We knew we were safe when we realised they were with Sally-Anne Perks' that's not so good. For me, anyway.

And I don't think you could keep my name out of it. At the Stretton's.

I hate to say 'no don't do it, I might get in trouble,' though.



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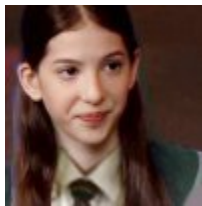
Hm.

That is a bit complicated, you're right. As I've said, we don't have to target the Strettons. But it is a place we have knowledge of, which is several steps further along than going into a place completely cold.

I'm mostly concerned with making sure you aren't linked to us outside of the farm, and if there are people who leave and talk, that

would be a problem. And if the whole idea is to encourage self-government, we could suggest they keep security measures, but we couldn't force it. We could try to keep your name out of it altogether, and just approach the parents of the child we took to Moddey -- and if you know of any others who would be amenable to talk to, we could keep our eyes open for them without mentioning you. Would that be possible? They know you're linked to Poppy, could they make the leap to the rest of us? If you think it's a possibility, we won't risk it.


Jeremy and Maureen are slightly less concerning, only because we'd have a great deal less control over what they'd decide to do individually, and their decisions would probably not prevent us from taking over the farm successfully -- even though Jeremy might put up a fuss if he was asked to leave, he probably wouldn't jeopardize Maureen's safety by marching to the MLE.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 16:28:30](#)  
(no subject)

I gave David the button. Are you going to pretend you lot didn't have anything to do with the button?



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-09 16:45:14](#)  
(no subject)

Blast. Yes. You're right. Of course.

I think that for now, we'll leave the Strettons alone.



 [alt\\_gredforge](#) at [2013-06-09 16:07:28](#)  
(no subject)

The meeting yesterday afternoon went fine, and a couple people mentioned that it helped. They dropped by at different times, and it was casual. Sometimes the group as a whole talked and sometimes people broke off and talked in twos or threes, or just pulled out their journals and read more.



 **[alt\\_gredforge](#)** at **[2013-06-09 16:28:01](#)**

*Private Message to Alice Longbottom*

Not to betray any confidences, but it's a lot of material to absorb, and yeah, some are having more trouble with some of what they read. There are some subjects that certain people won't touch--Pansy Parkinson was sitting pretty close to Susan Bones and Luna Lovegood, who were discussing what the Order had to say about the various Council members. When Lucius Malfoy's name came up, her jaw clamped tight, but she didn't say a word.

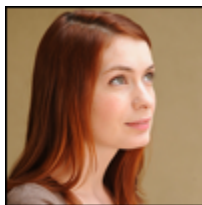
Doesn't seem like Harry's read as far back as the others. He's more focused on thinking about the future: how can our two groups work together? What are the future plans, and how can the Institute help? Thinking like a strategist, a leader, really.


Neville and Evelyn sat a little off to themselves, talking just mostly to each other. Uh, just so you know, Nev talked with us the first night, and the news about what Seamus had to do seems to have hit him hard. Because he was involved, you know. He was the one who asked Dolohov to come up with an alternative so that Seamus wouldn't be killed himself.

Evelyn's not spoken with us, but we caught her looking a little teary at one point while she was talking to Nev, and we overheard a mention of 'Killarney.' So we suspect it's Ireland.

Draco and Hydra came--maybe Harry made them, dunno--but they didn't speak up. Most of 'em were pretty subdued, really. Even Ron.

Not our most lively meeting, to be sure, but they seemed to appreciate being together.



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-10 04:06:57](#)**

*Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom*

Thank you both.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 18:38:12](#)  
(no subject)

So I'm wondering.

The real Milland?


Still locked up somewhere at Hogwarts?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 18:44:45](#)  
*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

They're a lot more pragmatic than they like to let on to us, aren't they?



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-10 04:08:08](#)  
(no subject)

Yes.

**2013-06-08 23:04:00**

*Order Only Private Message to Mrs Longbottom*



Hi.

I've been thinking about Arista Selwyn, and I wanted to write to her, only I guess I'm not sure whether it's safe to send her messages in her father's journal anymore. Or even possible, I guess. So I thought maybe if I wrote here, you might read it to her?

 [alt\\_ron](#)

I hope she's all right. And that she'll be okay with you telling her what I said.

Hi, Arista. I hope you're getting used to being in the new place. And that you're meeting people who are nice and who will be your friends. It's fun making new friends, yeah?

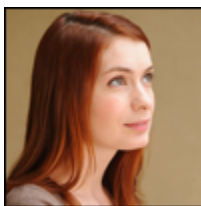
Are you sad, too? I expect you are. You know that's okay, right? And I hope you're telling Satsuma all about it. He's really brilliant at listening. And he's smart, too. He always knew just what look to give me to make me think that even if I'm sad, there are still nice things and funny things and curious things around to sort of balance it all out.


Tell him I said hiya, will you? I miss him. But I'm glad he's with you now.

Thank Mrs Longbottom for playing post owl for us, yeah?

And take care of yourself.

Sincerely,  
Your friend Ron.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at **2013-06-09 13:58:41**  
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Of course I'll pass it along, Ron. I'll copy it out so she can keep it and read through it whenever she wants.

I'll let you know what her answer is.

I think she's still got quite a lot to work through, and losing both parents has been very hard. She still has nightmares about machines and masks, and hearing her mother scream, but she's been adjusting to Moddey. Sarah Fawcett has taken her under her wing, and there are several children her age here that she's started talking with, although she's a bit shy and serious and still stays close to Hector and Sarah. She's trying very hard to be polite, and I'm sure once she has her feet under her, she'll be just fine, but these things take time.

She asks after you, and I have no doubt that your letter will be a great comfort to her.

If we get the chance, I'd like to arrange for you to visit with her this summer.




 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-09 14:04:55](#)**  
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We make linked rings and pictures for parents and children, so they can see that the people they love are safe and happy. The colour of the rings change depending on health and mood, and the pictures age.

I know that you are not Arista's parent, nor should you be, but I can make a set of rings and a picture for you if you'd like.



 **[alt\\_ron](#)** at **[2013-06-09 14:57:27](#)**  
(no subject)

Oh.


The masks were scary, weren't they? We didn't even think about that.

Tell her I'm sorry, yeah?

And, yeah, I'd like to come visit. Tell her I will as soon as I can.

And that's nift about the rings and the picture. How does that work? Will it tell her if I get into danger, though? I mean, would that be a good idea?




 **alt\_alice** at [2013-06-09 15:52:51](#)  
(no subject)

I shall pass that along.

And that's a good point about the rings. They're a bit simpler than your family clock, of course, and the rings the children have mostly show when their family is relatively normal and healthy versus very ill. To put it rather bluntly, the parents at the camps have a rather hard life of it, and so the rings the children get are a lot less detailed so they will not become overly distraught should they see their parents are sad or frightened. The parents' rings are a bit more complex, though, as they tend to want to know as much as they can, and their children tend to be fairly happy.

I can understand if you wouldn't want to risk her having a ring if you think it would provide an additional source of stress. The decision is entirely up to you.




 **alt\_ron** at [2013-06-09 20:01:16](#)  
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I think I'd like to have the ring for her, actually. If you could make them. Thanks.

I want to know she's alright.



 **alt\_alice** at [2013-06-09 15:58:02](#)  
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Here's what she said in return:

Dear Ron, thank you for writing to me. Everyone here is trying hard to be kind to me and I'm trying hard not to say the wrong thing in front of people.

Sarah lets me sit with her at meals and Terry turns into a dog for me when he thinks it will cheer me up.

I miss my Mummy and Daddy. Mrs Longbottom told me that both of my parents are dead and that from now on she will take care of me along with the other adults at Moddey Dhoo and I will be safe and




when I turn 11 I'll get to have a wand and learn magic although it won't be quite like Hogwarts.

I do talk to Satsuma. The others don't mind me talking about Mummy but they don't like to hear about Daddy.

I wish you were here too, Ron.

Your Friend,  
Arista



 **[alt\\_ron](#)** at **[2013-06-09 21:34:02](#)**  
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Hey. You know what, you can send me messages anytime you want.

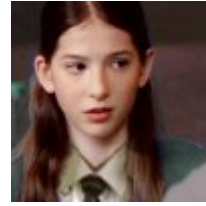
And I will come see you. I really want to see this place you're living in. I hear it's really nift.

Say hullo to Hector for me, yeah?

Your friend Ron Weasley

**2013-06-09 11:16:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private message to Pansy*




Terry wanted to warn me about some of the things the Order said about Mr Malfoy. About what he did in Ireland, especially. He wasn't sure how you'd react.

 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)

You and Harry and Draco were talking the other day about trying to get on the Council. Are you still thinking about it? ~~Even after~~

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 [alt\\_pansy](#) at **2013-06-09 16:33:08**  
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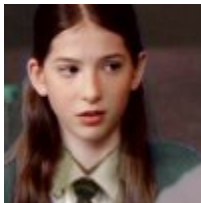
I don't know.

I don't want Draco and Harry to be alone.

They've already mentioned me as a possibility, and if Justin doesn't want to go down that road, I feel like I ought to at least try.

I want

I want to be of some use. I'm not going to be a Healer, or be able to help with maps and ley lines and things, what I've got is my name and connections, so I might as well put them to work.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-09 16:40:05**  
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That doesn't mean your only option is to try to get on the Council, though.

I mean most of the people on the Council are -- well, especially the women, you know? Mrs Malfoy isn't on the Council. Professor Siz isn't. It's people like Bellatrix Lestrange and Lana Sandoval.

I mean there's also the Headmistress. But she's kind of an odd one out in some ways. Or else we just don't hear about the awful stuff she does because the Order doesn't want to have to think about it.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-09 16:55:08](#)  
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Maybe they needed her to secure Hogwarts.

Maybe she does really awful things, which is why she drank.

And what else could I do? Throw the right kind of parties and hope something useful comes of it? Marry a council member, and use him for information? If I have to be like Lana Sandoval to be of use, maybe I ought to work on being more like Lana Sandoval.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 17:08:52](#)  
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Well for starters in the recent minutes they said that they really needed a spy in the Department of Mysteries and then Mr Lupin said, 'for Merlin's sake no one tell the kids,' like he thought we might try to infiltrate over summer hols.

And they need someone in magical transport to make unregistered Portkeys that work properly, you're really quite good at Arithmancy and you could certainly get a job there when you finished school. (For that matter, Jeremy was good at Arithmancy, I wonder if HE could get that job? Because he probably would join the Order, if he knew about it...Hmm.)

Anyway I'm not saying you need to be an Unspeakable or that you need to go to work for the Portkey Office. I'm just saying, 'Healer' and 'Councilwitch' are not the only two options you can choose from.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-09 17:18:05](#)  
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Okay.

I guess I'm still feeling sort of useless after our careers meetings, and everyone else seems to be so sure of what they can do.

I'm sorry. I'm whinging.

And I don't want Draco and Harry to try and take on the Council from within alone, if it comes to that. And if there's only a few of us who could help them that way, I guess I just thought that'd be something, you know?




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 17:27:32](#)  
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I don't think Harry and Draco should do it, either. I don't think we should try to take the Council from within.

Or maybe I just don't really want to see my friends do it.

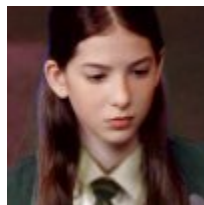
You HAVE to do WHATEVER the Lord Protector orders. I mean in theory so does everyone but if the Lord Protector ordered you right now to cruciate someone or kill someone no one would think it was all that surprising if you couldn't manage it. If you were on the Council and he told you to cruciate someone or kill them you would have to.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-09 17:39:25](#)  
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You're right. It's not the only way. And I'm not even sure if I could.

I guess it's mostly that if I did have a chance at it, then yes, there'd be other things I could do to be helpful, but I'd be short-sighted to walk away from the possibility entirely because I didn't want to get my hands dirty.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 17:44:07](#)  
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Yeah.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 17:29:57](#)  
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Pansy you are NOT USELESS.

You're clever and talented and you can persuade people of almost anything and you have better connexions than any of the rest of us (even Draco! because you're nicer to people! it makes people WANT to do things for you).


The fact that Professor Slughorn thinks it's fine if you waste your talents on being a Society Witch doesn't mean that's all you can do.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-09 17:41:10](#)  
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Thank you for that.



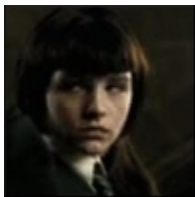
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And Lucius

I know

I mean, I know he's done awful things.

It isn't like I thought the entire time that he'd never killed anyone before.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-09 16:49:40](#)  
(no subject)

Still. Almost five thousand people. In two days.

It's

I can't even hold that number in my head.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 16:50:36](#)  
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It's one thing to know he's done awful things. It's another to see the details on what specific awful things he's done.

Mr Selwyn, too.

Although -- Mr Selwyn killed all those people, but then he also tried to kill the Lord Protector. Nothing's ever simple. (Well, I guess that's not quite true. There are some people we know who are just evil through and through, like Bellatrix Lestrange. And the Carrows back when they were alive. But mostly it seems to be a little more complicated than that.)

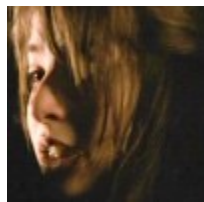
It's a little like Dolohov. I knew he'd done terrible things. I knew he'd killed people (including Mrs Weasley's brothers). It was still a shock to see him that way.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-09 16:58:19](#)  
(no subject)

And Lucius was punished, too. Bill Weasley said he had been. Badly enough for Percy to say something, which means it was pretty bad.

So maybe he was part of Mr Selwyn's plan too. Or enough of a part of it to get in trouble, but not enough to be killed.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 17:15:34](#)  
(no subject)

If you looked at Harry's memory of the rite, like Draco did, do you think you'd see anything about Lucius that would tell you if he WAS part of the plan?

If you seriously want to be a councilwitch I think you should look at that memory because it would show you what you're getting ~~into~~ the sort of thing they have to do.

Mr Mulciber had to cut out a man's heart. With a knife.



 **[alt\\_pansy](#)** at **[2013-06-09 17:33:25](#)**  
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I'd know. At least I think I'd know.

Mr Selwyn got closer to killing him than anyone has in years and years.

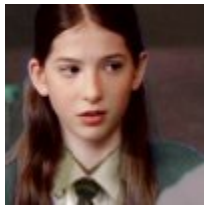
If my cutting out person's heart could give us the chance to save millions

I know. It'd have to be more than just doing something awful to one person.



 **[alt\\_pansy](#)** at **[2013-06-09 17:45:12](#)**  
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Draco saw it. He'd know. I just don't know if he'd tell me.



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-09 17:48:23](#)**  
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You could ask. And see what he says.

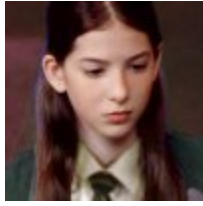
Or we could go to Professor Brutka and ask to see it.



 **[alt\\_pansy](#)** at **[2013-06-09 17:59:59](#)**  
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I suppose I can't avoid it forever. And he can always choose not to answer.

I'll ask. And if he doesn't want to tell me, I can see for myself.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 18:36:26](#)  
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Don't go without me. If you watch it I'm watching too.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-09 18:41:25](#)  
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Okay.

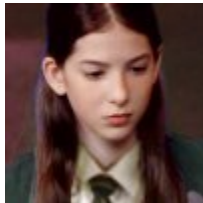


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I still

I hate what he's done.

But I don't hate *him*. I can't.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-09 17:10:08](#)  
(no subject)

No.

I know.

Honestly I sort of feel the same way about Professor Dolohov.



**2013-06-09 21:53:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy*



 [alt\\_pansy](#)

It's been sort of mad lately, hasn't it? I'm still catching my breath, honestly.

Anyways.

This is bound to be difficult, and awkward, so I'm just going to say it, and if you'd rather not say anything back, I'd understand. You've every right to keep your thoughts to yourself.

I've been reading. And thinking quite a lot about several different things, and I've got no end of stuff crashing around in my head, so I'm sorry in advance if this is a bit abrupt, but I need to know about what you saw in Harry's memory. What you saw when you were looking at your father, and whether he

I don't know. Whether you could tell if he was in on the plan. To kill V Voldemort.

Bill Weasley was talking about how he was punished in Court. Badly. It ~~hurt to read about, I can't imagine what it was like for you~~ Anyways. It made me think that maybe he had some sort of

That he might've thought once for at least a minute that maybe he picked the wrong side. It sounds ridiculous to write down, but I think it would help me understand how two people who are so very different can be in the same body like that. The person that I see at St James and the person who

who does all those things that I can't just pretend he doesn't do any more.

I'm sorry. It's been a long few weeks of everything happening all at once, and I ~~miss~~ I figured I'd ask you before deciding whether I ought to see it for myself.

And. For what it's worth, I'm glad you said yes.

I think this sort of group needs someone like you.

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 **alt\_draco** at [2013-06-10 02:47:12](#)  
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Hey. Yeah, can't say it's been the most brilliant week of my life, but it's certainly been memorable.

I was going to say No, at first. I don't want to be anyone's minion, or whatever. But then Brutka said there would be no oaths or ceremonies, and when I told him I wasn't going to help anyone kill my parents or something mad like that, he said I wouldn't have to do that, either. So with that out of the way, I said Yes. I don't know what it says about me that at least half the reason I said yes was just because I knew it would make everyone massively uncomfortable...

Anyway, about Father. This probably isn't what you want to hear, but I'm 95% certain he wasn't in on the plan.

He doesn't take those kinds of risks, the kind that jeopardise the comfort and safety of his home and family. Unless, of course, you count the whole following the Lord Protector in the first place as just a wee bit of a risk. Then again I have my own theory about why he did that.

It's possible, I suppose, that he might have supported the impulse behind the plan. He looked well fucking stunned when the Lord Protector rose up out of that pot, and I doubt it was just a reaction to how ugly he looked. He's had enough practice keeping his face free of emotion by now, but he was practically reeling.

As for two people in the same body, isn't that where we're all headed? To some extent or another.

Were you really pretending not to know? Because I've always known that Father must tend to "difficult tasks." Maybe I never knew the details, or got taken along on the muggle-hunting parties, or had to listen to him rhapsodise about them the way that Aunt Bellatrix probably does, but I've always known. Nothing I've read about him in the Order's reports has much surprised me, it's only provided more texture and colour.

If you're ready to stop pretending, then maybe you should see the memory. Your call, though.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-10 02:55:31](#)  
(no subject)

What is your theory?

I've been talking with Sally-Anne about just that -- what we might need to do in order to learn what we need to learn, and take advantage of what we can, and how some of us might have to participate in those sorts of ceremonies in order to get close enough to do what Mr Selwyn did only make sure that it held.

And that's another reason I thought I ought to see it, I guess.




 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-10 02:57:01](#)  
(no subject)

And yes, to a certain extent, I was pretending. I didn't think he went to Ireland to pick shamrocks. But I figured

I thought he was questioning suspects. Torturing and killing the people who made the bombs.

I could understand that.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-10 03:07:18](#)  
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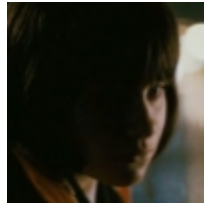
I don't think that council members get to pick and choose when it comes to "difficult tasks."

Theory - well, it's not much of one. Only I reckon that the Lord Protector must have promised him something really, really grand. Not jewels and manors and galleons, but something else. The Lord Protector came to him right after his own Father died, you know, and he always spoke about it like he - the Lord Protector, I mean - sort of came forth as a surrogate father just when he needed one. I know it's hard to imagine, the Lord Protector being fatherly, but he was different back then, I guess. He used to know how to be charming. Just ask Hydra about that.

Even though it's never been a topic of conversation, per se,

somehow I've always known that Father's terrified of dying young like his own father did. Or of being hurt or ill to the point where he can't use his magic. A few years ago I started to wonder if aligning himself with the Lord Protector just made him feel safer about those things, you know?

But now that we know the Lord Protector can come back to life, I'm going through all sorts of new possibilities.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-10 03:16:22](#)

*(no subject)*

No.

And I don't guess that a hundred Muggles makes much of a dent in a council member's conscience. Or a thousand. Or several thousand.

It's just a bit overwhelming from the outside looking in. Even if he was just following orders.

And I suppose it's rather funny, in a completely not-funny way, to think about how all this might be based on not wanting to die, knowing that some of us have got suicide rings and Harry'd gladly sacrifice himself to put an end to it. I think he's counting on it, actually.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-10 03:17:01](#)

*(no subject)*

Not that I want to die, mind.




 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-10 03:19:25](#)

*(no subject)*

Yeah, me either. And I'd prefer you didn't. Nor Harry, nor anyone else.




 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-10 03:24:44](#)  
(no subject)

Agreed.

For all their faults, it is a bit comforting how many of the Order members have managed to stay alive for as long as they have.




 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-10 03:31:11](#)  
(no subject)

Yeah, but when's the last time they actually faced off against anyone like Dolohov or Crouch? They've crossed wands a few times, but seem to avoid it overall, if they can.

Not that I *don't* want to avoid it, for now - but not forever. And definitely not when it comes to Crouch.



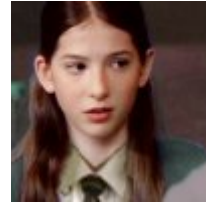
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Point.

And when that time comes, you'll be ready for him. I know you will be.

**2013-06-10 10:00:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*



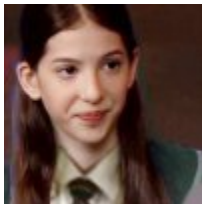
I got an owl this morning from the bloke in charge of the fostering programme.

 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)

My father petitioned to regain custody of me after mum 'died.' They decided to consider it and I'm to spend the first week of summer hols with him, instead of the Strettons.

I don't know why they'd let him. I mean he kept my mum with him all those years and now that she's dead they think he's suddenly no longer a blood traitor? Did he convince them that he killed her? He doesn't have the money to have paid anyone a bribe.

Anyway that's where I'll be going after we take the train. Bagwyllydiart. Wish me luck, I guess.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-10 15:06:17](#)  
(no subject)

Don't tell the Order. I'd rather mum not know.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-10 15:49:00](#)  
(no subject)

You're almost through with all of it. You'll be a legal adult soon enough.

I suppose if you were to be done with the Strettons, it might be easier to not have to check in with them all the time, even when you're done with school? Which might be a good thing?



 [alt\\_pansy at 2013-06-10 15:49:58](#)

*Private Message to Sally-Anne*

I could come by for lunch every day, if you like.

And you'd have pig.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne at 2013-06-10 16:39:25](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally-Anne*

I don't know if I want him knowing

He won't want me having guests.

Pig might work.



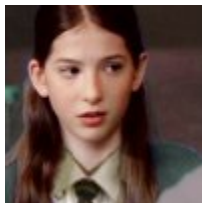
 [alt\\_pansy at 2013-06-10 16:53:37](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally-Anne*

If you went for a walk every day, maybe Ron and me could meet you along the road just for a minute?

I really wish you knew how to Apparate.

But Ron and me do, so there's that.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne at 2013-06-10 16:55:31](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally-Anne*

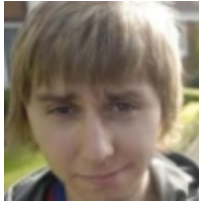
Maybe. We can try that, at least. As long as Ron won't go mental if




 [alt\\_pansy at 2013-06-10 19:22:42](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally-Anne*

Yes. Let's try.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-10 16:09:27](#)  
(no subject)

Sally-Anne,

I say, I know you're not looking forward to this. One hopes he'll be less horrid given the circumstances, what? And it's only for one week. You're welcome to visit me at the Jugsons', as well, anytime you like. I'm sure they'll not mind.

Or go to the Burrow, what, if Ron or Ginny could issue an invitation? Though if you'd rather the Order not know, perhaps best keep clear of Mrs Weasley.

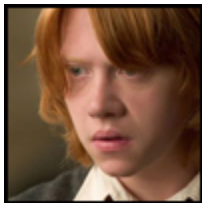
I wonder if I could convince the Jugsons to let me host a picnic in New London--I say, that would solve a number of problems, wouldn't it?


-Justin



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-10 16:38:43](#)  
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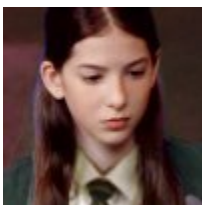
He's not going to let me leave.




 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-10 19:20:49](#)  
*Private message to Sally-Anne*

It ought to be good news, them letting you stay with your Dad again. But -- that's not on, him not letting you leave.

Are you going to be okay?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-10 19:23:24](#)  
*Re: Private message to Sally-Anne*

I don't know.

I have my own wand now, I can -- and I think he's drinking less. I mean he's been getting work from



your mum's barter network and people wouldn't have him back, if he were coming drunk.

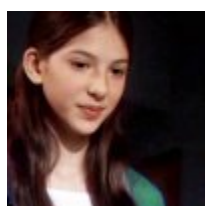
Look, it's only for a week.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-10 19:27:45](#)

*Re: Private message to Sally-Anne*

You'll tell us if anything goes wrong, yeah? We can send Harry.

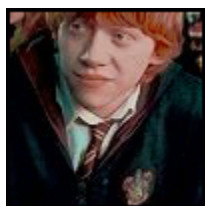


 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-10 19:30:40](#)

*Re: Private message to Sally-Anne*

Pansy wants to meet me every day somewhere near his house. Since you two can apparate, even if I can't. My father doesn't have a floo connexion - - though maybe he does now? He wasn't allowed one when my mum still lived there.

Anyway meeting up might not be a bad idea. I think I want to keep my journal out of sight as much as possible. He would notice if I were writing in it, and he couldn't see any posts from me, you know?

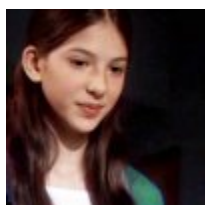


 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-10 19:34:55](#)

*Re: Private message to Sally-Anne*

Yeah, okay.

We'll be there. And if you're not, we'll come looking. Okay?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-10 19:35:54](#)

*Re: Private message to Sally-Anne*

This is why everyone should have Gryffindor friends AND Slytherin friends.

Sometimes what you really want is a friend who'll blast down the door to get to you, if that's what it takes.



 **[alt\\_hydra](#)** at **[2013-06-10 21:51:50](#)**  
(no subject)

Good luck, Sally Anne. Maybe it won't be so bad as what you're bracing yourself for?

(I'd offer to let you visit me but I doubt you'd have a better time. Will he really not even let you leave? Not even if Harry asked you?)




 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-10 21:53:43](#)**  
(no subject)

I'll take my father over your mother, yeah.

If Harry asked he'd let me leave but he'd probably make me regret it later. It's not worth it unless I really need to get out.

And yeah. It might be fine. I'll just have to go and see.



 **[alt\\_luna](#)** at **[2013-06-11 02:19:32](#)**  
(no subject)

I'm so sorry, that your foster situation seems better than staying with your father. I hope the week goes smoothly and quickly.

**2013-06-10 19:48:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good - Private message to Harry and Hermione*



 **alt\_draco**

So. By my count I have less than a week to prepare myself to face Father and Mother as a new, twice-made traitor. Granted, it isn't the first time I'll be lying to their faces, but it's never been about something quite so big as this.

How strange to think that in one fell swoop I could tell them everything I know and bring MLE down on everyone.

And now I know that Father's "star seems to be falling." Of course, I can't ask about that without them wondering how I even know that in the first place. I already know what answer they'll give me, anyway.

Tell me then, what are *you* two most looking forward to when you get back to Buckingham? Aside from the fabulous parties, of course.




 **alt\_hermione** at **2013-06-11 02:22:36**  
(no subject)

You're not going to, are you? Tell them anything?

You could probably find other places to be loads of the time. If you told them you're with Harry and Harry tells Mr Broome that he's with you, no one would look for you.



 **alt\_draco** at **2013-06-11 02:32:25**  
(no subject)

No, I'm not going to tell. Have I ever?

Though I won't lie - I did briefly ponder whether it would save my Father's standing with the Lord Protector. But then I realised that even if it did, it would very likely only be temporary. And it would hurt too many others. Like I need anything else on my conscience.

True. Where would we go, though?



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-11 02:36:03](#)  
(no subject)

We could go to Grimmauld. To train.

I bet by the end of the summer you could give Sirius Black a good run for his money.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-11 03:19:12](#)  
(no subject)


I suppose, though I'd rather train with Raz to be honest. If he's not busy making babies or something.



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-11 04:01:00](#)  
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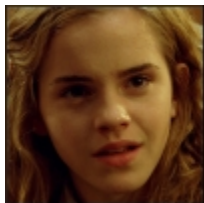
He's not going to train you all the time, though. You could switch off, if you don't think that would be too confusing.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-11 04:28:22](#)  
(no subject)

Why would it be confusing?

Maybe because I don't enjoy the idea of being in the company of people who I know hate my family, and mostly likely don't trust me?



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-11 04:39:23](#)  
(no subject)

Well, because Professor LeStrange will be training you in different spells and different duelling styles to the Order's people. I mean, the Longbottoms and Mr Shackbolt were Aurors and Sirius and Mr Lupin all trained under Mr Moody and Professor Dumbledore, so if you work with them and then go back to Professor LeStrange, wouldn't he notice that you're doing things differently or that the things you'd just worked on with him aren't any different at all?

As for not trusting you, they don't know you. But Sirius knows that you've known all sorts of things about him for a long time and haven't said anything, so there's that.

Besides, if your only example of your family were your aunt and your great-aunt Walburga, would you have a good picture of them?

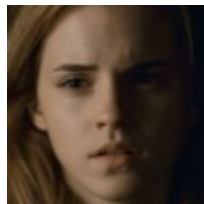


 **alt\_draco** at [2013-06-11 04:46:53](#)

(no subject)

If you think that's something I have to worry about, then Harry has to worry about it, too. Maybe all of us do, seeing as he's our Defense professor.

I don't much care if they don't like Auntie Bellatrix and Auntie Walburga, surely you know that. I mean my parents. And yes, I know they have their reasons. That doesn't make it any less awkward, odd, unpleasant and, yes, now that you mention it, *confusing*.



 **alt\_hermione** at [2013-06-11 04:52:48](#)

(no subject)

I think we ought to consider it as a possibility, yes. Sally-Anne thought that Professor Dolohov recognised some of you because of your duelling, after all. People do develop distinctive spells and styles.

And to be fair, your parents think just as ill of most of the Order, and less of people like me, but you're right. It's got to be difficult.

Do you really think your father's still in trouble? I mean, he's been punished by the Lord Protector before, hasn't he? If he didn't have anything to do with Director Selwyn, why would he be?

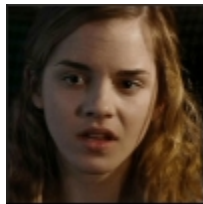
Are you.... Are you thinking maybe you *could* convince him to run? To France?



 **alt\_draco** at [2013-06-11 04:59:08](#)  
(no subject)

I don't know if he's in trouble, still. Maybe I'll be able to tell when I'm at home. I'll certainly be watching for any clues about what's going on.

I don't know how I can convince him of anything without revealing that I know more than he thinks I know. I think he should flee to France, as it so happens. He and Mother both. Funny that you knew I was thinking that.




 **alt\_hermione** at [2013-06-11 05:03:12](#)  
(no subject)

Well, I think it's the only way, really. Only I think the person to convince is your mother, and then she'll convince your father and you won't have to do.

But it's not hard to figure out, he's been so *involved* in everything it's hard to imagine him not going to Azkaban or worse if anything should happen. I was thinking about why you decided to join when you were so set against it before, and I got to thinking that maybe Professor Dumbledore promised he could help make sure nothing bad happened to them. Or at least to your mother; like I said, I don't know if people would forgive your father. But if they left the country and went somewhere to live quietly.... Only I'm not sure France is far enough. But then your aunt and your other grandmother are there, so it makes sense.

Sorry. Just thinking out loud. You should try to sleep, it's really, really late.



 **alt\_draco** at [2013-06-11 05:06:13](#)  
(no subject)

Well I'll be sure to sleep wonderfully now, thanks ever so much.


||||| But you might be right, about convincing Mother. Something to think about, at least.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-11 02:37:40](#)  
(no subject)

I am looking forward to spending as little time as possible there, and hopefully not having to be in the same room as snake-face.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-11 04:47:53](#)  
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Yeah, I'd steer clear of that face. It might be catching.

**2013-06-10 21:00:00**

*Order Only: Report on the farm in Argyll*

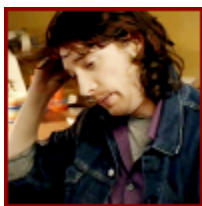


 [alt\\_kingsley](#)

Sirius and I made the visit, accompanied by the Aldrich Town representative. Our first contact was Bridget and Jamie, Tavis' MacNichol's parents, and from there, we sounded out the idea with a few other key people. They sound cautiously intrigued by the idea. I'm of mixed opinions, however, as to whether this location is the best place for our second venture into this type of project.

On the one hand, it's relatively small--smaller than Aldrich Town, and it's definitely a remote area, which would hopefully mean that no one would notice. It's a low-risk way to experiment with this type of capture/appropriation of territory. On the other hand, I'm not sure whether taking it would offer much benefit to the Order. The farm certainly isn't self-sufficient. Part of the reason that it IS a sheep farm is that the soil is poor, suitable only for grazing, rather than raising foodstuff. They would still need regular deliveries of food from outside. Yes, there would be wool and meat, but not much else. Furthermore, not many shepherds are needed for the sheep, meaning we wouldn't be assisting very many people.

Sirius, anything to add?



 [alt\\_bill](#) at **2013-06-11 02:25:05**

*(no subject)*

Alice, I did manage to find a topographical map of the area, and you should receive it by owl tonight.

I'm not an expert at reading these things by any means, but I suspect that Kingsley's right and the soil's not ideal. There seems to be a fair amount of rocky outcroppings.

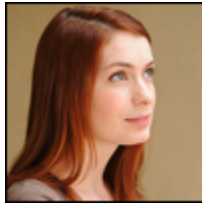





 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at [2013-06-11 02:35:55](#)  
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There's still something to be said for establishing a toehold, so to speak and then building from there.

None of us could have dreamed that Davidson's operation would get as big and successful as it has, for example, when we first met him in the woods.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-11 02:46:47](#)  
(no subject)


Hm. I'm of a mixed mind on this one.

The lack of sustainability is concerning -- even with Aldrich's surplus to help supplement their food supply through trade. If they were to be completely isolated, it would be troublesome, and we have to anticipate that as a possibility. But we've got a limited window of opportunity to make this sort of move, and dropping in on Aldrich blind was the sort of luck I doubt we'll get again. Knowing someone on the inside is a distinct advantage, even though the farm itself is less than ideal.

I'll have Cecelia look at the maps to see how viable she believes it to be. In the meantime, we'd do well to get them a button, if we haven't already.

Thank you, all three of you.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-11 04:09:23](#)  
(no subject)

No, that's about the size of it.

I have to say I wasn't that impressed. I mean, it'd be different if we had a hope of getting any of the clans involved - the place might stand a chance then. But like Kingsley says, it should be relatively easy to annex.

On the other hand, when I got back to Grimmauld tonight there was an owl from Terrie. She's happy to arrange meetings at her outfit in Bedford, if we think that would be helpful and not too conspicuous.



 **[alt\\_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-11 04:14:53](#)**  
(no subject)

Do we have enough of a surplus to supply them? How many people live there?

**2013-06-10 21:52:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good: Private Message to Dux*



Hullo,

I say, last Noble Arts lesson for the year! I suppose I've got to think of a graceful way to refuse his offer to come and study with him over the summer.

 **alt\_justin**

What did you think about what Draco said? About learning from Professor Dolohov so that we can plan how to counter it all? I take his point but I'm well certain whatever the Order have done up until now, they've had bally good reasons not to cross those lines. I'm sure if they thought they could learn the Dark Arts and not use them, they'd already have done, what?

Have you been reading back, in those Order posts? Anything you've found that disturbs? I say, I've seen a thing or two that took me rather by surprise but then I think, they weren't to know. It's well interesting seeing that Sirius didn't want me to stay, for one thing.

But thinking about Professor Dolohov's offer...Do you know, no one's told us much about what will happen over the summer, with the CCF or the YPL. Have you heard anything? If the Order can give us more lessons, do you think you'll be able to come?

I'm glad to have had Jack, these last few nights. He's helped considerably. Besides, it's probably jolly clever to get him used to me before I take him to the Jugsons', what!

I wish there were something we could do for Sally-Anne. Do you think her father would prevent her getting a care parcel?

-Justin



 **alt\_hydra** at **2013-06-11 02:43:08**

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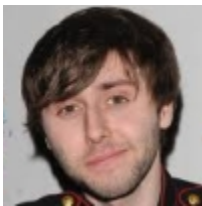
I don't know what to think of Draco. He seems angry but, I don't know, I think he's afraid. Not just of dying, but also of losing. He doesn't want us to lose, and he wants to do anything he can to see that we don't. I


think he might also wish that it was *he* who had been singled out by Professor Dolohov for that very reason.

I haven't heard about CCF or YPL. I suppose they're deciding who will run it, now that Madam Umbridge is gone. I don't know if I'll be able to come to Order lessons or not. I never know what Mummy has planned. Sometimes it's nothing, and she's never around, but other times she pays far more attention to me than I would like. And I have to be careful, I really can't ever let her find out that I'm a Legilimens. Not ever.

I don't know whether or not I should tell the Order, either. They thought I was spying for Mummy, after all.

I miss Jack but I'm glad he's with you. And we might as well try to send something to Sally Anne. It's the thought that counts, they say.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-11 04:27:01](#)  
(no subject)

Well, I hardly think any of us *wants* to lose, what? But I take your meaning; I hadn't thought of him being jealous but perhaps you're right. The thing is, I think we must also decide that what we've won is worth having and I'm not bally well sure it would be if we all learned Dark Arts to do it. This might not mean anything to you, but in the Bible there's a story about Moses, who led the Jews out of Egypt and to the holy land. But along the way, he grew angry and destroyed the tablets God had given him, with the Commandments on them. So when they reached the promised land, what, all his people could go there, but he couldn't do, because he'd violated the will of God.

I say, I don't bally well fancy the idea of using tactics that deny one the ability - or the right - to enjoy the spoils of victory, what?

As far as telling the Order you can read minds.... Well, it's up to you, of course, but if Professor ~~Brut~~ Dumbledore is a Legilimens, as well, I don't imagine they'll need you to use it.

Well, you'll be happy to know that Jack has laid claim to Ernie's slipper, Zach's toy snitch and the curtain cord on Summers' bed. But he's been the difference between falling asleep and startling myself with the fear that I can't hear or feel anything, so they've

welcomed him all the same. (Bobby was complaining about sleeping with a torch still lit, what.)

Perhaps we can pick out a basket from one of those catalogues in the library and send an owl to have it delivered to Sally-Anne early next week. I've a feeling if it's mostly food, her father shan't sneer at it. She might not be able to answer but at least she'll know we're thinking of her.

Jack's purring on my lap now, love, and I'm dozing as it is. As he's doing his job, I think I had better let him get on with it and put out the lights.

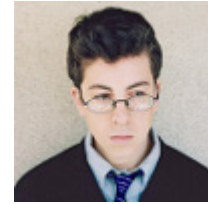
Sweet dreams,

-Justin

**2013-06-11 13:09:00**

*dear old Hogwarts*

As we come to the end of another term, it is appropriate that we take a moment and consider all that Hogwarts has given us. I am sure most of you will join with me in saying, "Dear old Hogwarts!"




 **alt\_linus**

I should like to keep in touch over the summer with anyone who is interested in doing so, particularly if they are pursuing any of their studies independently during that time -- although I quite expect some of you welcome a chance to put books and parchments aside and enjoy the pleasures of summer holidays. If anyone wants tips on excellent Arithmancy puzzle books, however, I have plenty to hand, so do not hesitate to ask. Likewise, should anyone wish tutoring over the summer in order to make their next year's studies a bit easier, I would be quite amenable to arranging study sessions, other plans permitting of course. For those who prefer correspondence, that is also quite arrangeable. (My compliments to those second-years who have already had the foresight to ask their Prefects for recommendations on supplementary texts and the like. I have no doubt that you shall be excellent upholders of the good name of House Ravenclaw, with diligence like that.)

What are your plans for summer, should you wish to share them? I am looking forward to assisting on some small tasks for the Guildmaster Bright of the Astronomy Guild, which I am sure will give me a fascinating glimpse of the workings of that august and venerable Guild. According to Professor Sinistra, Astronomy and Arithmancy fit rather well together, and the combination is used in all sorts of locational magics, area effects, and the like. The more I've learned, the more I'm interested in perhaps pursuing an internship with Magical Transportation in future years. Besides all that, I have various other recommended studies (thank you, Professors Vector and Dolohov). All in all, I expect it to be an exhilarating and informative summer.



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 **alt\_linus** at **2013-06-11 19:50:43**  
*Private Message to Padma*

I'm afraid I've cocked things up with Lav sufficiently that I need to ask a few select personages for advice. What would you recommend? Does an abject apology seem the correct route, and if so, have you any

suggestions on getting one to her that she will not immediately obliterate with a wand-flick?



 **alt\_padma** at **2013-06-12 17:26:28**

*Re: Private Message to Padma*


Well? Did anything work?

Or haven't you decided yet?

Because like I said, Lav's wonderful and all, but I'm surprised you and she haven't run out of conversation by now. Mind, she *is* fit. I'm just not sure she's really ideal for you.

You could always wait until summer and then serenade her under her window. That's well romantic.



 **alt\_linus** at **2013-06-13 01:43:32**

*Re: Private Message to Padma*

I had been working on an epic poem of apology, but it was, I confess, rough sledding. I would show a bit of it to you, but... well.


*Fair Lavender, thou rose, thou star, thou dove,  
Vouchsafe a glance from soft and limpid eye  
Upon th'unworthy wretch, whose words may move  
Thy heart to pity! Hear my plaintive cry!*

You see my difficulty, I am sure.

I spoke with Professor Sinistra this evening at my final detention, and she suggested perhaps a combination of simple words and complicated flowers might be better suited to the occasion. I shall closet myself with the book she has lent me on the Language of the Flowers, and will attempt to strip my words of all frills, furbelows, pretenses, defenses, and offenses.

Wish me luck, Padma. Nos morituri te salutamus.



 **alt\_padma** at **2013-06-13 01:47:29**


*Re: Private Message to Padma*

Right.

Well, look. Her birthday is Saturday, when we all take the train.

If you're still serious about getting back together (and it looks like--you are, I guess)... I think you should just find her in the compartment and promise to take her shopping or something for her birthday.

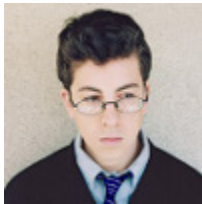



 **alt\_linus** at **2013-06-13 01:59:18**

*Re: Private Message to Padma*

Oh, Padma, you are a trump!

I shall plan for Saturday, and will lay my apologies and bouquet at her feet, and invite her to the birthday revels of her choice to boot.



 **alt\_linus** at **2013-06-11 20:04:53**

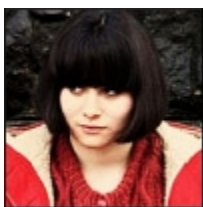
*Private Message to Miss Parkinson*

I hope you forgive the intrusion of this message, asking as it does for some advice on a rather personal matter, but I have always admired your ability to handle social situations adroitly, and I have hope that perhaps you can cast a bit of Lumos on the proper path here.

I have managed to offend Miss Brown grievously, and have since come to the realisation that an abject apology for my words and actions is called for. It wasn't so much that she thought I danced with you and several others at Professors Siz and Raz's wedding; it's what I said afterwards that really tore it. I understand now that I was considerably less than wise courteous in imputing her lack of social generosity to, well, witches' matters. In any case, I am truly at wand's end with it all, and should you be inclined to have pity on me and grant a few words of advice, I would be ever in your debt. (Of course, I have ruled out revealing that I did not in fact dance with any of the young ladies in question. I would never betray a friend



that way, or the friend of a friend, so your secrets and Cedric's are safe with me.)



**alt\_pansy** at **2013-06-11 23:54:12**

*Re: Private Message to Miss Parkinson*

Witches' matters? Ouch. That is rather serious. I thought you had friends who were girls? They should've taught you better by now.

Anyways. I'm sorry to hear that you've been going through a rough patch with Lavender, and doubly sorry that it started due to a favour you did for me.

Seeing as Draco and I have recently mutually broken things off, I'm not entirely sure I'm the best person to give relationship advice, and if one of the things she was hacked off about was dancing with me, her seeing that you're writing me probably won't help matters, but I'll do my best.

First off, lesson learned, blaming hurt feelings on a girl's monthly is a bad idea. It's like... oh, I don't know, blaming someone's crying on the onions they're chopping. They might actually be crying because they are sad, for a good reason, and if you say it's just the onions, it's like the reason they're sad isn't important or real, and it can make it seem like their feelings are ridiculous or not appropriate. And I know that might not be what you meant to do, but... let's just say it's never going to be a good move to blame the time of the month.

So to address that bit, what I'd do is to make more of an effort to recognise that what she felt was real, and important to her, and that you want to hear her talk about what she feels and why she feels that way, because even though you might not think it's because of an important reason, she does. And I know you tend to over-think everything, but sometimes just listening and saying that you understand can really help, because otherwise, you could come off as disagreeing.

I think your best bet is to tell her that you were wrong (even if you don't think you were), you were an idiot, and you realise now that you've had this row just how much she means to you, and how much you've missed her. And then tell her that you're going to try to listen better, and actually do it. Let her talk, and listen to what she's

saying, and say that you understand her reasons for feeling that way, and that you're sorry.

Flowers always help too.

Good luck, Linus.

And thanks.



 **[alt\\_linus](#) at 2013-06-13 01:57:44**

*Re: Private Message to Miss Parkinson*

Thank you for your kind words of guidance and good wishes. Particularly the bit about the flowers, because I think you are definitely on to something there. Well, and all the rest of it, too, but as you say, flowers always help.

I just need to find some small bindweed (for humility), some chervil (for sincerity), some columbine (for anxiousness and trembling), and something for devotion. (I am currently favouring Peruvian Heliotrope over Honking Daffodils, even if the latter are more traditional. One does not wish one's bouquet of abject supplication to provoke laughter if one can help it.

As to the words, those will take a bit longer. It's always so much more difficult to write something short, alas.




 **[alt\\_linus](#) at 2013-06-11 20:09:52**

*Private Message to Professor Sinistra*

My summer plans are shaping up nicely, but I am afraid I cannot say the same about my attempts at rapprochement with Miss Brown. I hesitate to interrupt your end-of-term work with questions about ridiculous student matters of the heart, but if you have one of those Hufflepuffian words of wisdom, it might not go amiss just now. I am endeavouring to remain constructive.



 [alt\\_sinistra](#) at **2013-06-11 22:29:54**  
*Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra*

Oh, goodness.

I am in New London, and don't expect to be back until later than usual tonight, but if you want to write here, or come find me tomorrow, I'd be glad enough to lend an ear.


My most basic advice is that a sincere and accurate apology rarely makes things worse, but that an insincere one or one that gets the basic issue wrong can be worse than not apologising at all. And that - well, given what I know of you, I suspect that what you think to be the issue and what she thinks to be the issue might be some distance apart, perhaps. It might be good to give it some thought.

On the summer: I did see Georg this afternoon, and he suggests that the afternoon of the 20th at 2pm might do well for an initial meeting. If that's not possible for you, let me know, please? And we can work out other scheduling from there.

(I also note that he has taken to truly ridiculous forms of address for me: it was the long custom in his native Austria that women acquire the formal titles of their husband in addition to their own, and this has given him some amount of scope recently. His manners are otherwise excellent, but if you model yourself on that one, I will not answer for the result.)

Right. Next round of meeting - won't see my journal until I'm back.



 [alt\\_linus](#) at **2013-06-11 20:17:09**  
*Private Message to Professor Dolohov*

Is it perhaps the case that some of us are best served by devoting ourselves to the studies of our various Arts, rather than to diverting our attention and energies into explorations of the heart?

What I mean to say is that I think I've bollocksed up things beyond salvage with Miss Brown, pardon the phrasing, sir. At this point, should I continue making efforts to apologise, or simply take my lumps and attempt to learn from them?

I'm sorry for disturbing you with this sort of idiocy when you are undoubtedly quite busy, but you did say that I've been idiocy-free for several months now, and that I had earned a bit of credit, yes? I regret having to spend it on this matter, but then again to fail to avail oneself of counsel by the wise is a grave failure indeed.

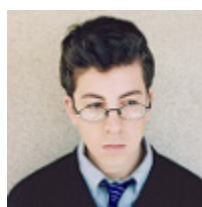


 **[alt\\_antonin](#) at 2013-06-13 02:47:31**

*Re: Private Message to Professor Dolohov*

My apologies, Mr Moon; it has indeed been a dreadfully busy several weeks.

I am not, alas, the best person to ask for advice regarding romance, but in my experience, a sincerely-meant and unadorned apology is rarely a strategic misstep. What has Miss Brown taken offense regarding?



 **[alt\\_linus](#) at 2013-06-16 03:20:05**

*Re: Private Message to Professor Dolohov*

She was first offended by the news that I had danced with multiple young ladies at the wedding feast of Professors Raz and Siz, which as you might recall she did not attend, and I then compounded the offence with some ill-chosen words which I repented long and bitterly.

Miss Parkinson offered some wise words when I solicited her advice as to my plight, and I shall never make the mistake of attributing any mood or action of a witch to, er, witches' matters again.

I know, Professor, I was a fool. Fortunately, all is on an even keel again. An apology in simple verse form plus a carefully thought out bouquet seem to have worked wonders.

(Still, my earlier question stands, as to the suitability of romance for one who would be a scholar, if you have any thoughts to impart.)

**2013-06-11 22:18:00**

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I talked to Professor Dolohov today.

I asked him about both ceremonies. Well, I asked him about the one, and then I sort of asked if we could talk about what happened last term since we were talking about ceremonies and things.

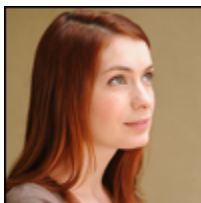



 [alt\\_harry](#)

He didn't say it was called Horcruxes, but he said a bunch of stuff that makes me think he knows what Horcruxes are. Like he said that sometimes really powerful wizards are able to place bits of their soul into objects and then use those objects to reconstruct their bodies if they are killed.

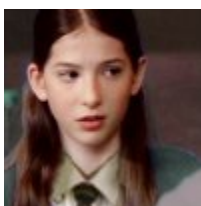
And that made me think about why Voldemort had me hold a snitch. When he tried to make me kill Ridley. So I asked him if the object had to be something meaningful, like special to that person, and he said that it did. Like they had to be emotionally connected to it, or see it like it was powerful.

But that's pretty much all he said. And he didn't offer any books for me to read. He was definitely holding something back. And he was careful the whole time. More than usual. Anyways. I figure I could ask him more later, maybe.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at **2013-06-12 03:31:08**  
(no subject)

Thank you, Harry. It's a start.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-12 04:05:44**  
(no subject)

I talked to him today, too. I told him I wanted to borrow books about cursed items, the nastier (and more interesting) the better.

There's nothing about horcruxes in the stack of books, but there's lots of stuff about how to remove curses, how to destroy things with curses on them, etc.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-12 04:07:59](#)

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Also in the stack of books, I noticed after getting back to my dorm room: 'Battle In Miniature: The Art of Small-Group Tactics.'



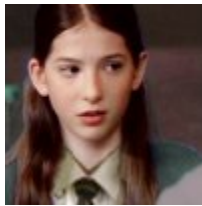
 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-12 04:11:52](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Look. I don't like that he's playing with you about it.

I mean, I guess it's good he wants to give you books about it, but... It could also just be him saying, 'I know'.

I want to see that book, though.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-12 04:16:11](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

I'm pretty sure if I ask about it he'll say he grabbed the wrong book accidentally.


He's been very careful to pretend that nothing's wrong. ~~We've both been~~ He hasn't asked me about it, he hasn't hinted that he wants to know anything, he hasn't said a WORD.

But

Yeah

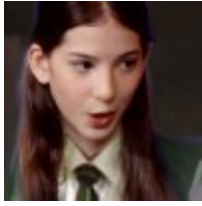
It looks like a pretty good book, actually.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-12 04:25:57](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Dibs after you and Ron are done.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-12 04:27:22](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

You could see if there's a copy somewhere at Buckingham. Do they pay any attention to what you read?

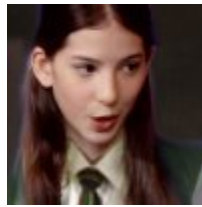


 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-12 04:49:49](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

I don't know. They might? But I don't think they'd think it was weird if I read something like that.

I'll see if it's there.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-12 04:51:10](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

If we need more recommendations, send Justin to borrow books and see what HE comes out with.



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-12 06:33:09](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

I'd like to see it, too. Maybe we could put a duplio spell on it?

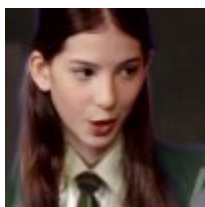
Uh, better check it for trace spells or anything else like that. If he thinks you were at the Ministry and he's wondering who else was there with you, who you're lending this book to would be exceedingly interesting to him.

Would it make a difference if, I dunno, we wear gloves or something if we borrow it? Is that enough to keep him from being able to tell that any of us touched it?

On second thought, maybe a duplio spell isn't a good idea.

Hey, I can check to see if my Dad has a copy in his library, at my

Gran's house. Sounds like the type of book an Auror would have. If it isn't too new. When was it published?



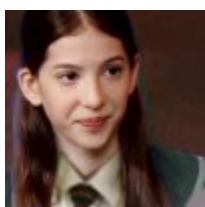
 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-12 17:30:05](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

If he wanted to know who was touching his books, gloves wouldn't help you.

If he wants to know who my friends are, he doesn't need a tracking spell on his books.

He does put a spell on all his books, a mild compulsion spell that will make you think, 'oh, I'd better return this' if you don't get around to reading it for a while. So take that under advisement.

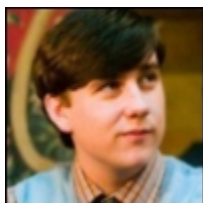


 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-12 17:32:53](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

This one came out after your parents went into hiding.

There was an earlier edition. Paging through, I'm going to hazard a guess that the earlier one didn't talk about using AK or the Imperius Curse.



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-12 06:23:09](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Good grief.

Yeah, that sure sounds like him. A pointed message in a book title.



**2013-06-11 23:48:00**

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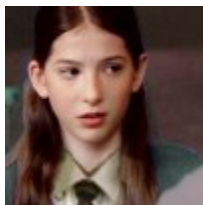
Cecelia took a long look at the map Bill sent over. The farm is very close to Inverary, which is interesting, but not something we could take full advantage of for a good long while yet. And the farm and town would still have issues with food sources, and it'd be a tough go to adequately cover the area needed to graze the sheep.



 [alt\\_alice](#)

It is workable, but not ideal.

Sirius, what's the latest from Terrie? If that looks like a better option, we'll move there, and quickly, and save Scotland for later.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-12 04:02:23**  
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So when you took over Aldritch Town was anyone from the estate out looking for you? I mean -- surprise was important?

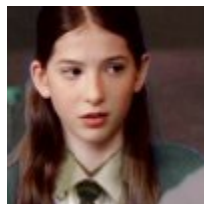
I'm sorry if this is a stupid question. I'm still trying to get caught up.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at **2013-06-12 04:09:32**  
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Kingsley and Sirius were able to sneak onto the farm unnoticed and take over the farm from within, with help from the people who were working there.

I don't think anyone was expecting us, and I'd expect that helped a good deal.



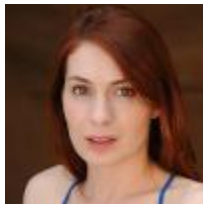
 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-12 04:14:11**  
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Okay. Then this is important.

I heard from Jeremy Stretton today. He's put out that I'm He complained in his owl that his family's been told by MLE that they need to send someone out round the

whole property, twice a day, to look for anything suspicious. Any intruders, anything like that. He goes out by broom, and he likes flying but says it's already monotonous.

I don't know if they're bothering with sheep farms or if it's just the big places like the Strettons, though.



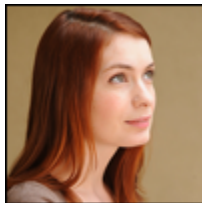
 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-12 04:22:37](#)**  
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Yes.

It is important.

Especially since this is the first we've heard of it.

Any hint of this sort of thing in Argyll, Kingsley? Might they be setting a trap?



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-12 04:23:28](#)**  
(no subject)

You'd both better pull back just in case, if you haven't already.




 **[alt\\_kingsley](#)** at **[2013-06-12 06:49:54](#)**  
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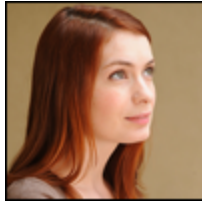
Understood, and will do. Fortunately, we hadn't yet begun to implement.


The MacNicols will certainly be disappointed.



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Perhaps we still can in the future, if I can learn anything more about this security response. I'll see what I can find out.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-12 04:24:28](#)  
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Bill, have you heard anything along those lines from your people?




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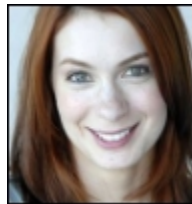
No, I haven't but you've all have heard me bitch often enough about how I don't have a source within that department. So the first hint I usually get is when whatever-initiative-it-is first filters outside that department.


Fortuitous timing. Thanks, Sally-Anne.



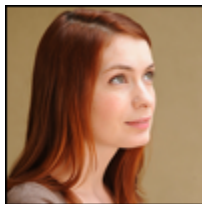
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*Private message to Alice Longbottom*


I'd say that Albus' rather high-handed decision to add the Institute in to our ranks has just paid off. In a big way.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-12 13:28:01](#)  
*Re: Private message to Alice Longbottom*

Agreed.



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The fact they haven't broken any news about it publicly or sent out any official statements makes me think they're hoping we'll try again.

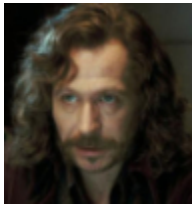
Although it's more risky, two fliers making routine patrols can be dealt with -- but it does mean they're anticipating something, and could send off an alarm more easily. That, and


they could have additional security in place that we don't know of yet.



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No hints, but I agree, we should take this information seriously.



 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-12 18:57:36](#)**  
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Had another owl to follow from Terrie, saying to hold off on any plans to come.

Seems someone from MLE came to visit them yesterday, presented a whole plan of action for 'protecting their investments against theft or damage' - translation: Preventing a rebellion from inside or out.

She asked to wait a while until she can figure out ways around the extra patrols and such. Also left them with a bottle in which the MLE Enforcer had placed a Patronus message. The idea is to break the bottle and the message will instantly alert the authorities in the event someone spots anyone who shouldn't be on the premises.

So I'd say whatever's happening to the Strettons' farm is happening all over. The only thing is that the MacNichols' didn't mention it, which could mean MLE haven't got to them yet, because they're so small.


The question then is: Do we go for them before MLE can put protections in place, knowing that it might make it more difficult to get to a larger operation later? Or do we wait, potentially lose access to them, but increase the possibility we could work with Terrie to remove Bedford from MLE's maps?



 **[alt\\_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-12 19:12:27](#)**  
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How many wizards run the MacNichols' farm? Could we move in and subdue them, first, then set the Fidelius? It sounds at the very least as if MLE's attentions are spread out.




 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-12 19:37:09](#)**  
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I like the idea of putting a patronus in stasis like that. Might be worth adapting. Something the ISS could add to their bracelets, perhaps? How many of you can create a fully-formed Patronus? We might have to work on that, but it's a good stop-gap in the meantime.

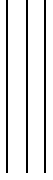
I think that seeing the limited assets that Argyll can provide (at least for now) and the current climate within the MLE, even if they aren't targeting smaller farms just yet, it's too big a risk with too small a payoff.

Perhaps we could keep monitoring, and if they don't approach Argyll at all, we might reconsider... but Terrie's farm seems like it'd be more worth our while, and Argyll would be easier to sustain with two possible sources of food than one, so I'm inclined to hold off and concentrate on figuring out how to work through security on Terrie's farm. What do you think?



 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-12 19:42:11](#)**  
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Right. I'll find out what she can do. Maybe if enough people are in on the plan from the inside, we can avoid anyone sending that Patronus until it's far too late.



 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at [2013-06-13 02:11:32](#)  
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Seems like sound reasoning to me, too.

**2013-06-12 22:15:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good: Private Message to Sally-Anne*



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Sally-Anne,

How are you feeling?

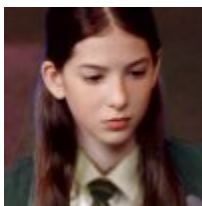
I say, I've been reading back through all the Order posts, as well. I...have you come across the posts about Mr Milland--the real Mr Milland, that is?

Have you given any thought to whether you'll take Professor Dolohov's offer to stay in his N.E.W.T.-level course, regardless of marks?

I've been thinking about your week with your father. If there's anything you can think of to make it more tolerable, what, I hope you'll let us know. I'm not sure what I might be able to talk the Jugsons into doing or not doing but I feel certain I can shake off Alfie and Remy for most of the summer, what.

At this rate, we might well be devising missions for the Order before the end of July.

-Justin



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-13 02:20:57**

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That's a lot of questions, Justin.

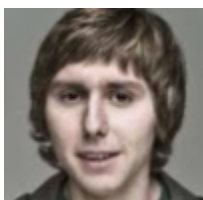
I'm feeling....I don't know how I'm feeling.


Did you know that my father once pushed me into a fire? It wasn't exactly on purpose, but.

Yeah.

I have a wand now so if he comes after me -- well, Professor Dolohov suggested I defend myself and then call him if I think I'm going to get in trouble.

And the thing is he's not always like that. My father, I mean. Sometimes he's fine, and when he and my mother came to the viewing of 'the body of the traitor Black' and stood by me in the queue and talked to Jeremy he was so happy to see me. Just like Mum was. So I don't know. I'm hoping things will go really well and so I don't want to do anything that would make him cross, like having loads of friends dropping by.

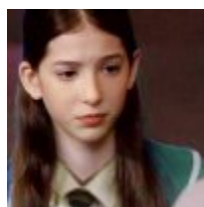


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Oh, I say.

See here, Sally-Anne. If he puts you in danger, then leave. Floo to Mrs Weasley or to Grimmauld Place. Or use your Galleon and one of us who can Apparate will come and get you. Any of us would do it and all of us would testify that you were right to go.

-Justin



 **alt\_sally\_anne** at **2013-06-13 02:53:52**  
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He's not on the floo.

Or at least he wasn't when my mum lived there because it was against Ministry rules. He might be now, I suppose. I'm not sure.

I hadn't thought about the galleon. That's a good thought. I'll do that, if I have to.



 **alt\_sally\_anne** at **2013-06-13 02:26:02**  
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Milland.

Yeah.

But this is the thing, if you're not going to kill the people who are a terrible danger to you, you have to keep them prisoner, don't you? I mean back before the war, when the Longbottoms were the Aurors

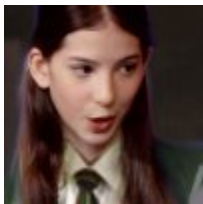


and Barty Crouch and Bellatrix Lestrange were the outlaws, if they'd caught Mr Crouch or Mrs Lestrange they'd have sent them off to Azkaban (which is quite a bit less pleasant than anywhere in Hogwarts seeing as you have DEMENTORS THERE.)

Anyway now they can't send people off to Azkaban. So. There was a time I think a couple of them ambushed Professor Carrow and beat him up. And then just let him go again. And THAT was completely pointless, I mean it made them feel a bit better but you know this was before Carrow murdered Hannah; if they'd KILLED Carrow that night, or hauled him off and kept him prisoner in a cave somewhere forever, Hannah would still be alive.

And there's Milland, he was spying and they caught him and they made him a prisoner while they tried to work out what to do with him, and he's still a prisoner.

Anyway I think it's fine to be squeamish about killing people. And it's fine to be squeamish about keeping people prisoner forever. But it's sort of crazy to be squeamish about BOTH. Because when you have an enemy who's really dangerous IT'S ONE OR THE OTHER. You know?



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Also.

AZKABAN.

Really. You know what, dying is better than a life sentence in Azkaban. Well, unless you escape, I suppose, like Mr Snape did, but he's like the ONLY ONE EVER, you know? And it's not merciful to send someone there forever instead of killing them. It's kind of worse.



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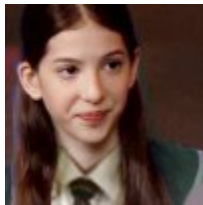
Well, let's get something straight, what: I'm not squeamish about killing people, or keeping them prisoner. I *disagree* with killing people when there are any alternatives.

And as far as keeping them prisoner, I can't pretend that Muggles have better methods, though they certainly don't employ Dementors, what. But rehabilitation is an area where wizards could stand to learn a thing or two from Muggles. In the case of Aurors Crouch or Lestrangle, what, I bally well think they may not give us a choice other than to kill them--but in battle, which is a wholly different matter from murder--or after a fair trial, and in some humane manner.

I can't say that Mr Milland's manner of being imprisoned is humane, either, but I say, I've little to offer that would have been preferable, unless it were to suggest that Mr Snape vacate the school so he no longer needs Mr Milland as a ready supply of polyjuice material, what.

And yes, I did read about Sirius and Mr Longbottom thrashing Mr Carrow. Shocking. I can imagine they were jolly well provoked but that's no excuse. You're right; in the end it did nothing. They ought to have done the thing properly, if they were going to do it at all.

-Justin

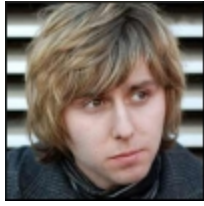


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Well so what do muggles do with people like Aurors Crouch and Lestrangle?

And fine, you're not squeamish. But whether it's squeamishness or because you disagree morally or some other reason -- if you don't want to kill someone like Milland but you need to keep yourself (and the Order) safe from him, that means keeping him a prisoner indefinitely. That's the choice, kill him or keep him prisoner. They can't very well let him go, and neither option is exactly nice.

Terry got really angry about Milland. I don't know if he thought it through. What did he think the Order SHOULD have done? If they'd killed him straight off they wouldn't have had to try to work out what to do.



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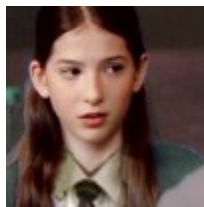
Well, as I said, I suspect Aurors Crouch and Lestrage will leave us no choice but to kill them. But if one *could* capture them, one would hold a trial, or tribunal, what, in which their crimes would be listed and they would be held accountable for their actions. Usually they would be sentenced to either life in prison or death, by something like lethal injection, though they used to use hanging or other methods that were well brutal but at least quick. In France it was the guillotine for loads of years, what, but then there's the electric chair and a firing squad.... Muggles spent far too long thinking up new ways to kill one another, what.

Well, as I say, they'd be sentenced but only after a jury all decided it was the only thing to do. And as they're wizards, if they were imprisoned, one would have to put anti-Apparition wards all round the prison. But the real difference is that once they're in prison, they wouldn't simply be left to Dementors. Well, perhaps Aurors Crouch and Lestrage would face something almost as bad. They'd likely be kept in solitary confinement most of the time.

But if it's someone less culpable, such as perhaps.... Well, let us speculate that Ron's brother Percy is made a Death Eater, and then stands trial. I expect he'd be imprisoned and given counselling so that at the end of his sentence, he'd be fit to live in society again.

Perhaps that's a bad example.

-Justin



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But Percy's not

I suppose. If it worked that wouldn't be so bad.



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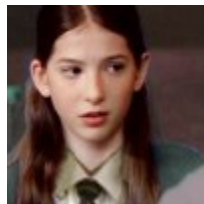
Yes, if it worked. The problem is that of course, prisons are full of criminals and criminals, by and large, don't care to follow rules of polite society. I suspect someone like Percy might be made to see his errors fairly easily; it's less clear about someone like--well, perhaps someone like Mr Selwyn, before he tried to kill the Lord Protector, what. Or Professor Lestrangle. On one hand, they seem to be decent people who are trying to do their best. On the other, they surely have blood on their hands, what.

I'm not sure how one would rehabilitate a wizard who had no interest in changing.

But perhaps there are wizards out there who are more clever than we are.

I'm always wide awake after Astronomy, are you? And I've Arithmancy tomorrow. It's not a good combination, I'm afraid. I daresay, I hope next year's timetable is a bit more forgiving.

-Justin



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Yeah I don't even know how you'd make Percy see the error of his ways. He was raised by Mr and Mrs Weasley and look how he turned out.

Or Prof

And yeah. I can never sleep after Astronomy. Not right away, anyway. At least I don't have Madam Umbridge demanding I get up early the next day, anymore.




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And, er, right. Dark Arts.

I want to take the class. I'm still trying to work out whether I can manage to be in the same room as Professor Dolohov on a regular basis. But he's going to teach quite a bit that would be useful. And he said that if I want to live by the Healer Code of Ethics, he won't require me to violate it. (Of course, I may not pass the exam. But it's not really the NEWT I want, anyway, it's some of what he'll teach us.)

Have you decided what you're going to do? ~~You know he could make you REALLY good at~~

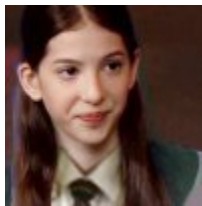


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I've a feeling you'll accuse me of being squeamish again but I *am* more than a little apprehensive about two more years in his class. It's bally well bad enough he's taken such an interest in me. I know he can't Legilimise but I spend nearly every encounter worried I shall give myself away, what?

I say, the *only* thing that might change my mind is if *not* taking his subject bally well piques his interest even more. Either way, it's dashed intolerable.

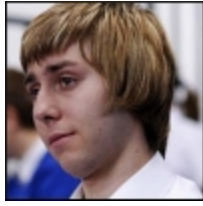
-Justin




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I never said YOU were squeamish.

Anyway I don't know if he'd be any more or less interested in you if you didn't take his class.

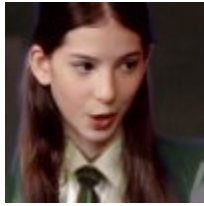


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I wish he weren't interested, at all.

Hydra says it's made Draco somewhat envious. I say, I'd gladly trade places.

-Justin



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Ask Snape for some polyjuice.

(Kidding! Dolohov would definitely notice it wasn't really you.)

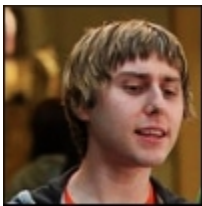



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So how are you, anyway?

I could barely sit in Dolohov's class without seeing his face, you know, what he looked like in the Department of Mysteries. I don't know what he looked like when he was duelling you, though -- I couldn't see from where I was sitting.

It's getting better, at least. I had nightmares the first few nights but mostly not about Dolohov.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-13 04:04:32](#)  
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I'm better, thanks. Jack's made quite a difference to being able to sleep.

I don't really recall duelling him--or what he looked like, I should say, what. I remember seeing when he was going to cast something--it was in his eyes--but I wasn't quite fast enough to cast 'Protego' before his spell hit.

Facing him has been much easier than I feared, though.

I'm glad your nightmares are subsiding, what.

-Justin



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-13 03:41:44](#)  
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Also.

Found anything in the Order posts that's interesting in all the wrong ways?

Because I have. It's really REALLY weird seeing them talk about us but being gossiped about by Weasleys was the weirdest, for me.

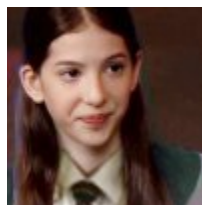


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Oh, there's rather a lot of that nature, what, with Sirius well convinced that Hydra was an agent of her mother's will and that I'd be discovered in half an instant after defecting.

Try not to judge them too harshly, what.


-Justin



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-13 04:16:19](#)  
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Oh yes, the stuff about Hydra is hilarious. Probably less funny to her. Or you.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-13 04:57:30](#)  
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Well, I suppose I can see why they thought the things they thought. It's not as if anyone had reason to know that Hydra *isn't* a clone of her mother, what. I say, even her *mother* tried to mold her into a miniature version of herself.

I am sorry I never knew Mr Weasley any better, or at all, really. And Hannah. It's odd to feel a jolly outsider about so many things.

-Justin



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-13 04:59:39](#)  
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Yeah. Before she came to school I imagined her very differently from how she actually is.

I didn't know Hannah all that well, either. Neville did. And Susan. And she was in your House, before she died.



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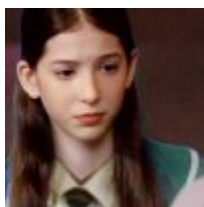
Yes, I know. That's the thing: It's well awkward, knowing that everyone else in my House thought her a good friend. Sometimes they assume I knew her, as well, and then halfway through a story, they'll remember that it was before my first visit, what. One feels a frightful impostor at such moments. Well, I suppose one *is* an impostor but--it rather throws up a mirror, what?

And Hydra was right there when everything happened with Professor Carrow. So *she* feels quite connected to the whole business. Do you know the House had a little get-together on the second anniversary of her death? I say, is that a wizarding practice, or a Hufflepuff one? I'm sure some Muggles do mark things like that every year, what, but I'm not used to that sort of...sentimentality, I suppose one might call it. But Hydra was invited and wanted to be there. I should have gone out of respect in any case, but with her so much a part of it, it was difficult to stay out of the way. And of course, most everyone understood but some did shoot me an accusatory look or two, as if to ask why I thought I ought to be there.

Reading back through all that again, from the Order's perspective...I think it must be quite difficult for them, knowing that so many of you have been in the thick of all these events, ever since first year, and not being able to intervene more



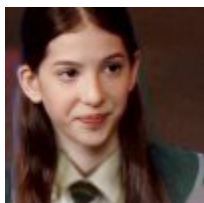
directly. I hope that will change now and they'll see us as equals and allies, not children to be protected.



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I didn't know about the get-together but that doesn't surprise me.

I think wizards more often mark the person's birthday, even after they're gone, but I can understand why the Hufflepuffs wanted to be together.

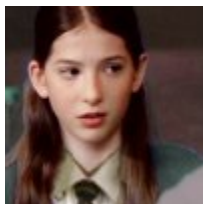


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As for the Order...so much of the last five years there hasn't been anything they could do. Well, the Headmistress intervened when Fred and George got caught meddling with Carrow's office, I've no doubt he wanted to cruciate both of them and she kept it from happening and gave them a different detention. But she couldn't protect them from what Umbridge did, which was a hundred times worse. They couldn't protect me, or Ron, or Pansy, the times we got cruciated. They couldn't protect Terry from all the horror Carrow inflicted on him, or at least they didn't.

They couldn't protect Hannah Abbot. They couldn't protect Sophie Fleet. They couldn't protect Dennis.

If we are children to be protected and it's their job to protect us they're not doing a very good job of it, are they? They should just resign themselves to treating us as allies. It'll be better for ALL of us.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-14 04:19:43](#)  
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Sooooooooooooo speaking of nightmares, Pansy and I borrowed the memory bowl thing tonight and watched Harry's memory from the night the Lord Protector came back.

I'm thinking it will save quite a bit of trouble if I just don't try to go to sleep tonight at all.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-14 04:32:43](#)

*(no subject)*

Beg pardon?

Why on earth would you subject yourselves to that? I mean to say, one could conceive of reasons and good ones, but--well, I say. What possessed you to feel the need, if one may ask?

-Justin



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Pansy wanted to see it.

She said she was ready to stop closing her eyes to what Lucius Malfoy does, for the Lord Protector, but she needed to see it for herself.

I told her that if she was going to watch then so was I.

Mostly because I wanted to see exactly what she was seeing, so that if later, she tried to pretend it wasn't as bad as it was -- she really loves Mr Malfoy. Anyway I wanted to be able to remind her what she saw, if it was necessary. In retrospect I don't think it was. Mr Malfoy -- well, his hand was shaking, when he took Mr Selwyn's blood. And when the Lord Protector killed Mr Selwyn he looked extremely frightened. But he didn't hesitate to do anything he was told to do.



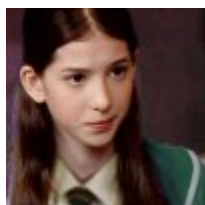
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I see. Do you mean you don't think it was necessary to see the memory after all, or that it probably shan't be necessary to remind her, what?

You're quite a good friend, Sally-Anne, to make sure she didn't watch something like that alone.

-Justin

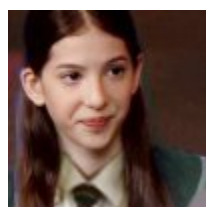


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Oh, the second.

Draco watched, because Harry was there. I didn't think Pansy should have to think about it by herself, if she was determined to watch it (which she was).

I will admit I was rather hoping Professor Dumbledore would refuse to let us see it but no, he was quite willing.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-14 04:37:51](#)  
(no subject)

Also Pansy's been thinking about trying to get onto the Council.

I think seeing this convinced her she shouldn't.

So that was something.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-14 04:55:40](#)  
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And no, I shouldn't think anyone on the Council would take Pansy too seriously, what, if she said she wanted to be one of them. Not that they would doubt her sincerity, only that she jolly well isn't the type who one would picture getting up to their sorts of tricks.

Though it does rather narrow the field if we *do* need a fresh crop of Death Eaters, what? (Mind, not that there seems to be much security in becoming a Death Eater. Mr Higgs was one for all of a week, if the rumours one hears are true.)

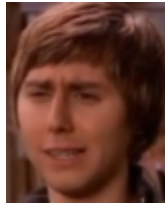
-Justin




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That's true about Pansy. I mean there are very few Councilwitches and one of them is Bellatrix Lestrange. And after seeing the look on Mr Malfoy's face when the Lord Protector killed Mr Selwyn, I don't think he'd much fancy Pansy getting an invitation.

Draco, though -- if anyone's likely it would be him. I don't think his father would be well pleased about that, either.

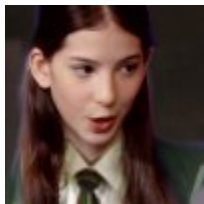


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It's odd, isn't it, that Professor Dolohov seems to be the only person recommending it as a career path, what!

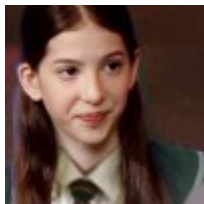
Though he's never actually said the words, 'You could be a Councilwizard someday,' or anything like. One wonders how he would react if we asked him, flat out, whether he thinks the Council is a worthwhile aspiration these days.

-Justin



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-14 05:05:33](#)  
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Good thought. You should definitely ask him and let me know what he says.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-14 05:06:05](#)  
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Fair warning, though, just in case you haven't thought about this:

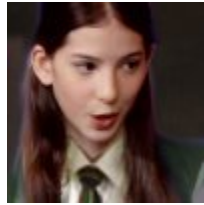
Asking him about Council membership is probably not going to make him LESS interested in having you as a protege.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-14 05:18:12](#)  
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Oh, no. I was thinking you ought to ask, what!

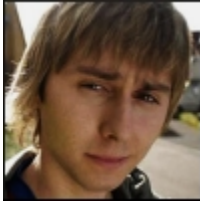
-Justin




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Of course you were.

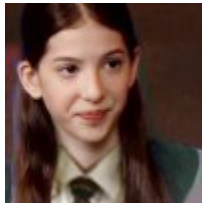
Maybe we should have Neville ask. That won't make him at all suspicious.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-14 05:18:50](#)  
(no subject)

I say, are you really planning to stay awake all night?

-J



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-14 05:20:53](#)  
(no subject)

Yes and no.

I'm not planning on trying to go to sleep, because then I'll just lie awake, picturing...things. If I plan to stay up all night, eventually I'll get tired and fall asleep anyway.

You don't need to stay up and keep me company, mind you. Pansy's right in the next bed.

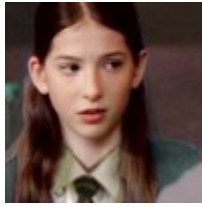


 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-14 05:30:23](#)  
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Oh, not at all, it's quite all right. We've been sitting up talking anyway.

Wayne and Bobby don't plan to return next year, you see.


-J



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-14 05:31:44](#)**  
(no subject)

Do they at least think they passed enough of their exams?



 **[alt\\_justin](#)** at **[2013-06-14 05:36:13](#)**  
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Yes, both of them, though they're less confident of whether they'd have enough to continue into N.E.W.T. study. But neither of them care much about N.E.W.T.-level, whether or not they're eligible, what.

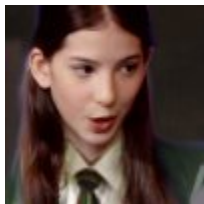
One can hardly blame them.

But we're all getting rather tired now so, I think we'll be putting out the lights soon.

Still, I'll keep my journal handy, if you need to talk and don't wish to disturb Pansy, shall I?

If I'd known I could have offered you the loan of a rather persistent kitten. But then there are a few of those round Slytherin already, aren't there? I don't suppose Sebastian would have appreciated it, what.

-J



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-14 05:38:31](#)**  
(no subject)

Sebastian has been trying hard to be comforting, but there are some things cats are better at than rats.

But yeah, he does not think much of the plague of kittens. The older cats (and Pansy's kneazel) are all well-mannered enough

||||| not to try to eat him, but the kittens think they want to play  
with him.

**2013-06-13 05:34:00**

*Private Message to Raz and Auri*

My darlings, allow me to say that marriage agrees with you. The aura of happiness and contentment surrounding you is palpable, and a delight to observe.



 **alt\_antonin**

I imagine you both have plans for at least the first few days after term, as well you should, but once you have taken time for your delayed honeymoon, I would delight in the chance to have you for supper to celebrate the end of a successful school year and to commemorate the trials it took to get us here. I shall bow to your schedules, and to your desires in the question of company, but you've only to say the word and my doors will always be open to you.

Here's to finishing out this year, slightly more battered than we were when we began it, but unbowed. And I must thank you both again for all the assistance you have given me as I have learned to navigate the trials and tribulations of a Hogwarts teaching position. It has been, on the whole, a satisfying role, despite containing rather more machinations than one might expect.



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 **alt\_antonin** at **2013-06-13 09:53:10**

*Private Message to Raz*

And, following along on the same line: once we've a few hours of uninterrupted time, there are a few things I would like to follow-up with you on in regards to a question Harry brought me yesterday.

Without meaning to denigrate Auri in the slightest, I believe it the sort of thing best handled between us two, and best handled where and when we are certain we will not be interrupted.



 **alt\_rabastan** at **2013-06-13 16:10:33**

*Re: Private Message to Raz*

I can guess what it might be about. You know where to find me.

There's something I'd like to ask you, too. About



Rory. I had thought I'd talk to Lucius, but he doesn't know her nearly so well as you do.



 **alt\_antonin** at [2013-06-13 21:15:02](#)

*Re: Private Message to Raz*

I am, as always, at your service.



 **alt\_sinistra** at [2013-06-13 14:20:21](#)

*(no subject)*

I am indeed very happy, Tosha. I'm glad it shows. As to the year - it feels so very unfinished to me. Maybe that's just it being the first time I didn't have really concrete summer plans since I left school. (Though, Raz, love, I swear I am glad to be rid of the YPL and the fact I had less than fifteen days without some external obligation between June and the end of August.)

My mail would like to convince me this week that the only things that matter are social invitations (from people who utterly ignored me two years ago), notes whose sense of certain realities is nearly as lacking as their sense of tact (a half-dozen variations on "Are you pregnant yet?"), and various other oddities. Plus the "Newly Married Witch" packet from Wizarding Repopulation which will at least be amusing to mock (and for rather a long time, based on its size.)

So, on that point, Tosha, I much appreciate having an invitation from you in a different and vastly more enjoyable category. And I should say, myself, that this year has been absurdly better for having you in it. I know I've said before, but I cannot imagine I'd have managed February and March and April but for your help.

I actually meant to write you today, though, because I realised something last night. First, just as the Sorting is different from our side of the table, so is the Leaving Feast. (Though I think it gets more so, as one's been here longer, and remembers the august and aged 7th years as firsties.) A certain amount of "Do you remember when?" is traditional, in other words, and the sharing of amusing stories from the year.

Anyway, I had the thought that this year's might be more touchy than

usual, given all the lasting wounds from Madam Pinkness. I thought perhaps the three of us might do something to help ease that, a little. Though I'm incoherent about how, other than having a stock of happier stories ready, and a willingness to encourage them in others. Just the two of you being your usual charming selves might well do.

(And on a more pragmatic note: I have near finished my packing, and have laid hands on half a dozen titles you'd mentioned being intrigued by, Tosha. Plus two others for amusement. Do you want me to ask your Berry to come collect them, or do you want some distraction this evening?)



 **[alt\\_antonin](#)** at **[2013-06-13 21:21:03](#)**  
(no subject)

If the titles for amusement are the next American Witches books, I'll stop by myself. A chance for some intellectual candy would suit.

And yes, I catch your meaning on the mood of the room. I'll see what I can do, dear heart.



 **[alt\\_sinistra](#)** at **[2013-06-13 21:42:17](#)**  
(no subject)

One of the American Witches, and one of those dreadful historicals Temp's got me on. (This one is Merovingians. With all the scope for oddity that the Merovingian period allows for, and then some. And then some more.)

You're welcome to come up, but I'm just as glad to bring them down and save you the trip.



 **[alt\\_antonin](#)** at **[2013-06-13 21:50:10](#)**  
(no subject)

Oh, that should be delightfully distracting. I could use some distraction

I'll come up, I suppose, since I can. I should likely also dismantle some of the more enthusiastic protections on your quarters so they don't bite someone over the holiday.



 **[alt\\_sinistra](#)** at **[2013-06-13 21:57:51](#)**  
*(no subject)*

At your disposal, Toshenka, then. And I suppose you're right there.

As to the distraction, you are welcome to browse the rest of my collection of such things. I'm sure there's more than one you've not read yourself, even if they're not quite the collection of absurdities I mention above.

**2013-06-13 12:38:00**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Sally-Anne Perks*



 [alt\\_pansy](#)

Right.

If we're going to do it, we need to do it today before I completely lose my nerve. We can ask Professor Brutka to see it after dinner, maybe, so we don't have to show up and look normal?

We could stop by Madame P's to pick up some dreamless sleep ahead of time, just in case.

You don't have to come along if you don't want to. But I need

I ought to see it. And if Harry and Draco and Hermione can get through it, I can too.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-13 18:21:58**

*(no subject)*

If you're going to see it, I'm going to see it.

If we try to get dreamless sleep she's going to want to know why. Do you want to explain to her why you think you need to watch the memory?



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at **2013-06-13 19:23:40**

*(no subject)*

I can if she asks.

I think of all of them, she's one of the people who'd understand reasons, even if she might put up a fuss about it.



 **[alt\\_pansy](#)** at **[2013-06-14 03:38:11](#)**  
(no subject)

I know she had good reason for not giving the potion to us.

Still.

At least we've got the warm milk. That was rather nice.



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-14 03:40:02](#)**  
(no subject)


Yeah.

I still have the tisane I got in trouble for, too, with valerian and chamomile and the rest. So there's that.

So

Did you see what you were looking for?



 **[alt\\_pansy](#)** at **[2013-06-14 03:49:06](#)**  
(no subject)

Yes.

I did.

His hand was trembling. When he took the blood. And when Mr Selwyn was killed, he went so white and still and careful. Draco was right. He might not have been in on the plan, but he wasn't enjoying what happened.

He was afraid.

And if he hadn't been

Well.


He was.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-14 03:52:09](#)  
(no subject)

I don't think you, or Draco, or Harry, or anyone we know should try to get on the Council.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-14 04:01:42](#)  
(no subject)

yes.

I think you're right in that I probably am not quite Council material.

And for all his talk about how he wants to know everything, and he wants to learn what he has to

I don't want Draco to have to do those sorts of things.

He would, you know, if he thought it'd serve a purpose.

If he thought it was necessary.

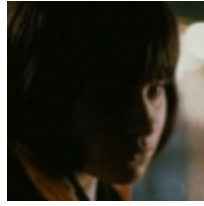


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Really? He'd cut out a man's heart, a stranger's heart, if the Lord Protector told him to?

What if it were a friend's heart? Because Auror Crouch and Professor Dolohov were the ones who brought Mr Selwyn to be tortured and killed. And he was a friend of theirs.

The Lord Protector makes his closest followers do TERRIBLE THINGS. Sometimes to muggles, sometimes to 'traitors,' sometimes to EACH OTHER.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-14 04:12:29](#)  
(no subject)

I don't know. I really don't.

I just don't want him to feel like it's what he'd have to do.

Like we were talking about. Finding other ways we could be of use.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-14 04:14:05](#)  
(no subject)

Well.

They HAVE a spy on the Council, as it happens. Headmistress McGonagall.


What they really need is someone in the Department of Mysteries.



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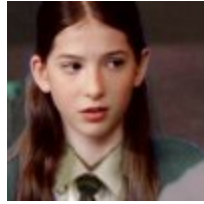
Right.



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And Mr Selwyn is right.

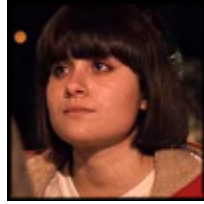
The Council isn't safe. They get used up and thrown away, just like Regulus was. He doesn't care about any of them. He just cares about keeping his power and staying alive forever.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-14 04:12:19](#)  
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Yes.

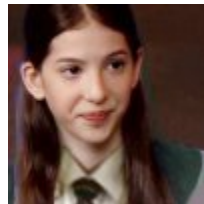
I was trying to decide whether any of the Councilwizards there were listening.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-14 04:14:44](#)  
(no subject)

They're sort of trapped, aren't they?

Even if they wanted to leave, there's only two ways that would happen. Either they die, or he does.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-14 04:15:32](#)  
(no subject)

Yeah.

That's probably what Selwyn pointed out to the people he recruited to help him.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-14 03:57:48](#)  
(no subject)

Did you see the man -- Prince Charles -- when he lay down, he...

I don't even know if I can put it into words. But it was almost like I thought he'd start doing magic. Because of how hard he was concentrating.

And at one point I was by Harry and Raz, and Harry looked so lost.





 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-14 04:00:01](#)  
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Yes. That was exactly what he looked like. Like he was trying to do a really difficult spell. He was a muggle, though. I think he was trying to hold still because he was afraid they'd hurt his son if

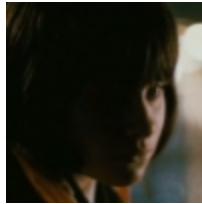
he didn't.


The man who killed him, Mulciber. He looked like he enjoyed it. At least Mr Malfoy didn't look like he was enjoying any part of it. Professor Dolohov, either.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-14 04:00:28](#)  
(no subject)

There's an awful lot of blood inside a person.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-14 04:03:07](#)  
(no subject)

Yes.

**[2013-06-13 15:33:00](#)**

*Year's end*

7th years - and especially my NEWT students - I wish you all the very best as you go off into new and wonderful things. You have all grown so much, and changed, and I'm sure you will go on to learn more and do more than we can dream of right now.

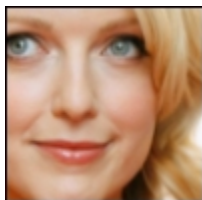


 [alt\\_sinistra](#)

And for everyone, while this year has had a great many changes and challenges, I know I'm not alone in being impressed at how so many of you have learned and grown. I hope you all have a truly excellent summer, and I look forward to hearing all about it in the fall.

Speaking of - I've had a few questions about how I expect to spend my own holidays. Of course, part of my time will be spent settling into a new home (and all that involves), and I very much hope to relax and enjoy the summer a bit. But of course, I've got other projects as time allows: some ongoing work for the Astronomy Guild, revising my NEWT curriculum for next year, and my own research.

Those of you leaving school or simply looking for summer opportunities, I did hear of a few more this week - varying skill sets. If you're interested, do let me know.



 [alt\\_sinistra](#) at **[2013-06-13 19:44:47](#)**  
*Private message to Cedric Diggory*

Cedric -

What I said above goes triple for you: you should be so very proud of all you've done and learned and made yourself into.


I hope your recovery is continuing to move along. I certainly don't want to intrude, but if a visit would help break up the monotony of your recovery, do let me know? (Or if - now you've been home for a bit - you find you need a bit of help distracting your mother from fussing.)

Also, I suspect it'll be some time yet before you've the energy to spare, but I wanted to make very clear that the offer my brother made - to talk business plans and what's useful - is still very much

open, should you wish, whenever you like. Or anything else along that line.

I am very much going to miss having you in class next year: I could always rely on you to be thoughtful and ask wonderful questions, and improve the class in all the small ways. Never mind all the help outside of class.



 [alt\\_cedric](#) at [2013-06-13 22:22:45](#)

*Re: Private message to Cedric Diggory*

**You are welcome to stop by whenever, just let me know so we can avoid my many and varied appointments and checkups.**

**I'm used to a rigorous exercise routine. Even if the routine is now very different, and I tire more easily, I think it has made attempting to keep up easier.**

**Does the Guild have any public events over the summer? As odd as it may be to hear someone who has just escaped schooling, I think lectures may be about my speed for entertainment for a while yet.**

**Serious future planning is stalled for the moment. When I start working on future stuff again I will keep your brother in mind. The twins also said they had some news to share by way of their**

**mum, but we haven't had the chance to really talk get yet.**



**alt\_sinistra** at **2013-06-13 22:47:54**

*Re: Private message to Cedric Diggory*

Right. Let me sort out my own plans - might be a few days - but I will certainly look forward to that. And of course work around your various appointments.

As to lectures, I think that's a fine idea. The Guild has a couple scheduled, and there's at least two more planned - there's always something at the country guild hall to mark the end of the research projects there. (And there's a few that are invite only, but I'd be glad to arrange that for you.)

Let me think on it, and owl you a list of some other possibilities when I get a chance to track them down? I know there's a series of Charms lectures where at least a couple of them looked intriguing, and I think I saw something about a series of lectures on pieces in the Protector's Collection over the summer, if I can remember where, that was going into their construction and how you determine provenance and things. And several other things that didn't much interest me, but might you.

As to the future, of course. Just wanted to make it clear that it's there if or when you want it.



**alt\_sinistra** at **2013-06-13 20:04:46**

*Private message to Poppy and Pomona*

How, by all the stars, is it the end of the year already? February and March and April went so very slowly, but the last six weeks flew. I'll try and catch you both privately before we all go our separate ways, but in case I can't, do have a very wonderful summer, please. (And I know you both have plans, but if you do have a bit of time free, I'd love to see you. Wherever's handy.)

Poppy: I do have some notes on the application of the binding charms, and the even more subjective experience of whether or not the castle approves of them. (I am more and more convinced that it at least does not disapprove, but this may be pure fancy.) At any rate, I have copies for both you and Irma, as a thank you for your help with all the research.

And Pomona, Mum said in her note today she'd particularly like to have you over sometime, if you get the time free - I think she wants to talk roses and a couple of the magical varieties in particular, with someone who really appreciates the conversation.



 [alt\\_sinistra](#) at [2013-06-13 20:20:11](#)

*Private message to Mum*

Were you actually worried that married life *wouldn't* agree with me? Really, Mum. That part's lovely.

(Though there's all sorts of practical things that need better sorting: for the fortnight, I just moved more robes down to Raz's rooms but clearly that isn't sufficient going forward, and it is very inconvenient to have many of one's possessions a half-dozen floors up. It would probably help if I learned to put away charts and books more promptly, but that may be a lost cause at this point in my life.)

I still don't know about my summer. But I do have some thoughts for that conversation with Diane that's needed having for months. (Can we borrow your house for it? More neutral than hers or - well, Spence has other issues.)

On that front, no, I don't want to make vast changes. (All right, I sort of do, but I won't, because they're the wrong thing, and Spence is never going to be *cozy* like home was growing up. The architecture's all wrong. It needs to be itself.) But I do have some ideas, and I'd like to build up the library there over time, and Raz and I need to sit down and talk about the entertaining we both need and want to do (two rather different things, I suspect.) And the house-elves are very bored, and maybe we could do something useful about that.

And yes, I do know I need to smooth things over in other directions with the Aunts (I am resigning myself to several tea appointments), and Theo wants to talk to me (something someone said at the reception, do you know what?). And Raz and I have done some of the

thank you notes, but obviously there's lots more.

I am just trusting it'll all sort itself out.

**2013-06-14 06:11:00**

*Order Only*

I have been remiss in my correspondence as of late. This time of year is particularly trying, particularly as Vector remains uncertain of her status and her remit.



 [alt\\_severus](#)

Minerva: I will repeat that, should you think the opportunity is ripe, it would be an excellent idea to angle for reinstatement as of September. Should you not, I have little doubt several members of our faculty might make their play for the position of either Deputy or Head; I would not put it past Dolohov to seek either, for instance, and this past year's events might bestir Slughorn out of his comfortable ensconcement. I would not wish to see the results of either.

Mind you, I suppose the possibility of Albus campaigning for the role is out of the question. Pity.

Alice: I will be arriving at Moddey as soon as I've set the castle to rights. No later than end of month. I will provide you with an inventory of the materials Stephen and I are likely to require.

Black: much as the prospect is no doubt repugnant to us both, I must once again request to use the laboratory space at Grimmauld for our research, at least part time. The facilities at Moddey are adequate for household brewing, but should not be trusted for more complex matters; Stephen has made an adequate showing, but a properly-equipped space is growing more necessary.

Mr (C) Weasley: I will remind you I am still in need of dragon blood, should some become available, in whatever quantities you are able to obtain. Dragon eggshell would likewise be of use.

Mr Potter, Miss Granger: if you have further information about what will be expected of you both this summer, I will repeat my wish to have Miss Granger assist us in our Potions research. Miss Parkinson, as you are likely able to move about with less oversight, you would be welcome as well should logistics permit, though I suggest you first consult Miss Granger for a thorough accounting of my standards of laboratory discipline and decide whether you are willing to acquiesce to my demands. Do not think I will be as tolerant of sloppy laboratory procedure as I was over Easter holiday.

Those of you whom I am tutoring in Occlumency: as I will be spending what time I might arrange away from Hogwarts in research, it is unlikely we will have time for lessons until Hogwarts reconvenes. I expect that you will continue applying yourselves diligently.

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 [alt\\_severus](#) at [2013-06-14 10:33:01](#)

*Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hydra Lestranger*

To answer your questions, however belatedly:

Mr Malfoy, I cannot answer on Macnair's behalf, but I suspect you have the right of it. Far be it from me to libel the departed Weasley patriarch and his success at directing the herd of fractious erumpents this organisation tends to be, but his focus was occasionally overly narrow and his sentimentality was easily engaged. As well one might expect from a gathering of Gryffindors and Hufflepuffs, one supposes.

It seems we have, at least, finally reached the consensus that removing the Dark Lord from power sooner rather than later is an organisational goal, no matter how much some of our more tenderhearted members might quail at the methods that will no doubt be necessary to achieve that end.

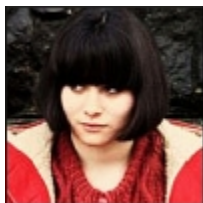
I cannot possibly speculate about Black's sordid little domestic arrangements, nor would I wish to. Should you decide to ask him yourself, however, do arrange to do so when I might observe his reaction.


Miss Lestranger: Black's upbringing, and the circumstances of his turning away from it, left him particularly disinclined to believe the best of any who come from similar familial circles. You must admit that from the outside it appears as though your mother has you thoroughly cowed; you have done an excellent job throughout the years at feigning such.

Although to say that I dislike the man would be a considerable understatement, I do not think he will continue his distrust of you once he gains the chance to know you better. One might think that, given his own history, he would be sympathetic to another who reached the same realisations as he did, but I have found in my dealings with him that he is exceptionally slow to change his

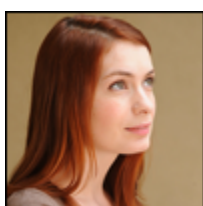



assessment of someone once he has formed an opinion. He does, however, fancy himself as open-minded despite this, and given evidence of your sincerity, he will come around eventually lest he lose face in front of the others.



 **[alt\\_pansy](#)** at **[2013-06-14 13:34:20](#)**  
(no subject)


Thank you, sir. I'll talk to Hermione right away.



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-14 13:36:51](#)**  
(no subject)

Poppy, we might look to the Department of Mysteries for black market dragon blood as well. Minerva, you've had contact with Mundungus occasionally -- is he still floating around? I have a feeling he'd be of use here.



 **[alt\\_poppy](#)** at **[2013-06-14 22:45:53](#)**  
(no subject)

I've kept my irons in that particular fire and will continue to do so, but so far to no avail.

If anyone does turn up our erstwhile friend, Mundungus Fletcher, I should like to have a word with him myself.



 **[alt\\_hermione](#)** at **[2013-06-15 04:22:46](#)**  
(no subject)

No one's said much about the summer yet but we've been talking about going to Grimmauld some of the time, and anyway, no one notices much if I'm around or not, and even if they do have CCF or something it's not like I'll be able to go with them. So I think I should be able to come to Grimmauld most days.

Only, I wouldn't have to help you every day, would I? I mean, that would be all right if you really need the help but I was hoping I'd be able to practise other magic, too, since it's not like I could spend

every day in the secret room. So I'd really like to take other lessons as well, if they're being given.



 **[alt\\_severus](#)** at **[2013-06-15 04:28:04](#)**  
(no subject)

I would not hold you back from lessons in other subjects should lessons be given.



 **[alt\\_hermione](#)** at **[2013-06-16 14:28:22](#)**  
(no subject)

Oh, well, that's all right then! And don't worry, I'm happy to work on potions when we're not learning real magic.

(Also, the Lord Protector is really disturbing to look at now but he's always seemed to prefer that people not look at him, anyway.)




 **[alt\\_severus](#)** at **[2013-06-16 16:08:28](#)**  
(no subject)

I will spare you the lecture on how potions are certainly 'real magic' until it might be delivered in person.

And no, I cannot imagine the Dark Lord's appearance to have been improved by a nasal deficiency.



 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-15 04:33:33](#)**  
(no subject)

Guess we'll have to see if we can set things back up for you by month's end. I'll check with Kreacher - I think we had to dismantle the distillation apparatus because Bea was getting in. And the second copper cauldron got repossessed for a bongo drum, I think.

But we should be able to cobble something together for you.



 [alt\\_severus](#) at [2013-06-15 04:35:10](#)  
(no subject)

For everyone's sake, I will hope that you are attempting an ill-timed and poorly-thought-out joke.




 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-15 04:36:37](#)  
(no subject)

Wasn't poorly-thought-out at all; did just what I thought it would do.

Relax. Everything's just as you left it.

Moony, you owe me a Galleon.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-15 04:40:35](#)  
*Private message to Padfoot*


I really thought the bit about the bongo drum would give away the joke.



 [alt\\_severus](#) at [2013-06-15 04:41:16](#)  
(no subject)

So good to know that you find the life and death of millions of people a joking matter. I would hate to think your alleged sense of humour had changed in the past twenty years.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-15 04:50:23](#)  
(no subject)

At least I *have* a sense of humour. ~~Too bad you can't blame that one on the Dementors~~

Anyway, Bea much prefers the sound of the smallest cauldron. The little brass one.

**2013-06-14 06:28:00**

*Our last full day at Hogwarts....*

We feel as if we need to do something really momentous to mark the occasion. Blowing up a toilet just isn't enough anymore, somehow.



 [alt\\_gredforge](#)

It's been absolutely brilliant being here for seven years (aside from the occasional detention). Best of luck to all of you launching your brooms for new ventures. Watch for coming news about our own, Weasley Wizarding Whizbangs!




 [alt\\_gredforge](#) at [2013-06-14 11:45:28](#)

*Order Only*

We've already set off our dragon firework inside the Great Hall. It's kind of difficult to top that.



 [alt\\_terry](#) at [2013-06-14 11:46:53](#)

*Re: Order Only*

Is it strange to say I think it's sad that you're leaving? Of course there are good things about it, too: it'll be brilliant to be able to see you more often.

I know that Mr Lee is really looking forward to doing research with you, too.

But I love Hogwarts, too, and I love to think of you being there. It just won't be the same without you.



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-14 11:49:14](#)

*Re: Order Only*

Well, thank goodness I won't be getting any more letters from the school about your outrageous behaviour!

Seriously, though, boys, I'm sure it wasn't your inclination to want to stay in school but you made your promise to me and stuck to it, even though it was very difficult. I'm proud of you both.

I know your father would be, too.



 **alt\_charlie** at **2013-06-14 23:27:06**  
(no subject)

Have to admit, there are times I didn't think you'd make it!

Cheers, you two, and I can't wait to see what you come up with.

**[2013-06-14 11:55:00](#)**

*Oi, Cedric!*

Listen, mate,

Wanted to let you know that over the past few weeks, me and some of the lads have been collecting little prezzies for you, here and there. Just naff little stuff to help break up the boredom this summer.




 **[alt\\_zacharias](#)**

Bobolis and I are coming to see you with the lot, next week. All right?

Two more lessons and the year is over!

Who's for flying this afternoon?



 **[alt\\_susan](#)** at **[2013-06-15 01:25:15](#)**  
*(no subject)*

Thanks for suggesting flying, Zach! It was ace!

We should definitely try to get some people together for pick-up Quidditch this summer.

**2013-06-14 21:14:00**

*Private Message to Aurelia Archer*

Please don't feel bad for rushing off. I really do understand.

And *I'm* sorry for bringing up unpleasant memories. I guess it's not how either of us wanted to spend our last night together before hols.

I hope we can still see each other pretty often this summer--I mean, if you still want to. We'll just have to think of something to tell our families but between the two of us we should be able to come up with some good stories.

Is your mum still pushing you to take that *Witch Weekly* internship?



 [alt\\_susan](#)

**2013-06-15 01:08:00**

*Private Message to Linus Moon*

Final draft:

***M**y fault did grieve thee. Truly I did wrong*

***E**ver to give thee cause to doubt my heart.*

***A**pology shall be my humble song --*

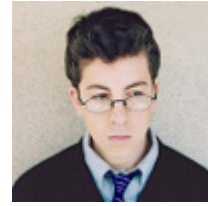
***C**an'st thou forgive? Can'st mend what's torn apart?*

***U**nfold to me thy petals of sweet grace,*

***L**ook on your humble swain and bid him live,*

***P**ray grant to him the blessing of thy face*

***A**nd thy sweet lips saying thou wilt forgive!*



 [alt\\_linus](#)

Note to self: Remember to release stasis charm on bouquet before boarding train, so that fragrance can waft forth.



**2013-06-15 10:18:00**

*Private Message to Megan*

I'm sorry; I did see what you wrote to me and I meant to write back before--I feel like I'm still catching up on everything because of being sick and well, having a lot on my mind I guess.

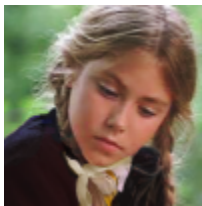


 [alt\\_susan](#)

I wish you hadn't felt like you had to push me away to protect me, but I understand because I do the same thing a bit. I ~~wish I can't~~ I'm glad you're talking with H Marvolo--he seems like an alright bloke.

Are you all packed? I feel I'm still rushing around making sure I haven't forgotten anything.

I have to do rounds first, but maybe we could meet up on the train?



 [alt\\_megan](#) at **2013-06-16 20:48:52**

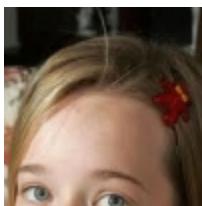
*(no subject)*

It was nice to talk on the train. Thank you for letting me sit with you for a bit. I ~~know some people didn't like having me in the same compartment~~

Harry Marvolo is a very intelligent person. And a deep thinker. And helpful to talk with. And of course Miss Penworthy was most pleased that I have been talking with him, as she thinks him a good influence and the right sort of people.

She is not pleased at all with Fang. But that is not something I can do anything about because Fang has not got anybody but me and I am keeping him. I think he rather likes you. Did you notice he did not hiss at you once the whole time we sat with you on the train?

What are your plans for hols?



 [alt\\_megan](#) at **2013-06-18 03:11:26**

*(no subject)*

~~If you are willing to be my~~

~~Even if it is risky, if you want~~

I hope I don't

Thank you. For wanting to be mates again.

I missed you.

**2013-06-15 21:12:00**


*Private Message to Linus*

I suppose you think you're forgiven then,  
Mister Moon?



 **alt\_lavender**




 **alt\_linus** at **2013-06-16 02:09:15**

*(no subject)*

You alone can be the arbiter of this, Miss Brown. (O sweet, oh radiant Lavender! I confess that I dare to hope that you will allow me the favour of your presence, that your nearness might inspire in me better behaviour and better judgement than I have heretofore shown.)

Am I?



 **alt\_lavender** at **2013-06-16 02:14:41**

*(no subject)*

Mmm, you certainly do know how to flatter a girl!

Soooo...definitely forgiven.

**2013-06-15 23:11:00**

*(no subject)*


Happy summer hols, everyone!



 [alt\\_evelyn](#)

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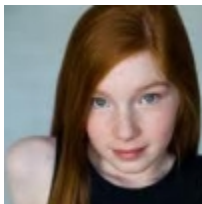
 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at **2013-06-16 03:20:56**

*Private Message to Kitty Bundy*

I'm still giggling whenever I think of Linus Moon's declaration on the train. It was so sweet and silly all at the same time, and I'm still sorting out why he had stalks of celery in his bouquet. I'm sure it meant something incredibly profound, but still!

And thanks for letting Artie join us for part of the trip. He's always that quiet, honest, he's just shy. And sometimes just being quiet together can be nice, I think. I'm glad he's not the sort to kneel down in front of everybody and recite a poem. I'd just melt right through the floor in abject mortification. But Lavender seemed pleased enough.

I've asked Gran about having you over, and she said we can talk more about it tomorrow, so I'll owl you just as soon as she says when would be best.



 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at **2013-06-16 03:34:32**

*ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Mum and Dad*

Hello.

My exams went fairly well, I think. The Arithmancy exam was very easy, and I know I aced Astronomy. Defence was good too. I guess all that practise over hols helped.

I've been talking with Nev, and we both want to visit you at Moddey Dhoo. Could we? I'd like that very much. And even if we can't go there, I want to see you, of course. ~~Especially after~~ And Kevin.

I love you both very much.

Your Evie.



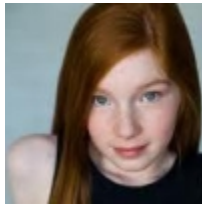
 **[alt\\_frank](#) at 2013-06-16 03:49:21**


*Re: ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Mum and Dad*

hey, sweet heart.

we want to see you too. we need to wait until after the solstice is done before really figuring everything out properly, but we will. I can't promise it'll be at moddey, not until we check with everybody, but one way or another, we'll make it work.

besides. I'm not going to rest easy until you learn how to apparate properly, and that's going to take some lessons, isn't it?



 **[alt\\_evelyn](#) at 2013-06-16 04:02:18**


*Re: ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Mum and Dad*

Of course it will.

I can't wait.

And it'll be good to see all of you again. Easter was so wonderful, and seeing you again over Hogsmeade weekend was lovely too, and I know how busy you both are, and that what you're doing is so important ~~and dangerous~~.



 **[alt\\_frank](#) at 2013-06-16 04:05:17**

*Re: ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Mum and Dad*


you're important too, sweetie.

believe me.

we'll make time.

the twins said you had a rough time of it the other day. reading through the old stuff. want to talk about it?



 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at [2013-06-16 04:17:05](#)

*Re: ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Mum and Dad*

Oh.

It's fine.

I mean, it happened months ago. But reading it like that, it was almost like it had only just happened, and that you were in danger right then. Talking to you helps, and seeing you again will help even more.

I'm just so very glad that you didn't die. And sorry for what happened. Miss Vance was the one who would pretend to be me during our holidays, wasn't she? I never saw her for more than a few minutes at a time, but she always seemed so very kind, and I know how good a friend she was to pretend to fish with Uncle Algie for a whole week just so we could be together. I wish I'd had a chance to meet Mr Fenwick, too.



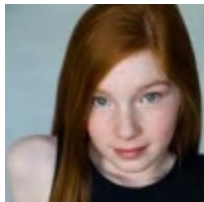
 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-16 04:27:16](#)


*Re: ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Mum and Dad*

I'm sorry too.

you would've liked him.

it's okay to feel sad about what happened. I'm still in one piece, and we'll see each other really soon, okay?

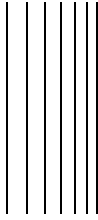



 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at [2013-06-16 04:28:02](#)

*Re: ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Mum and Dad*

Okay.

Night, Dad.



 **[alt\\_frank](#) at 2013-06-16 04:28:40**

*Re: ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Mum and Dad*

sleep tight, evie.

**2013-06-16 00:26:00**

*Well, Lines, whatever you said*

must have worked, I suppose. Lav's already sent an owl to me and Parvati positively dripping with praise.



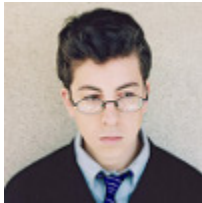
 **alt\_padma**


It's good to be home, though. Even if I feel like I could sleep for a week.

Has anyone heard anything about the CCF or YPL? I'm almost afraid to ask whether we'll be doing anything or not. I mean, there's always helping Mum with the designs and all but it'd be nice to know for sure what to expect this summer.

Not that I would mind, either way. If it's to be CCF that'll be nift, and if it's to be going to the bookshop and tea shops in New London, that's just as good.

Anyone else have things they want to do this summer? (Lines, we *know* what you've got in mind: Poetry, of course!)



 **alt\_linus** at **2013-06-18 04:13:26**  
(no subject)


If there are to be expeditions to New London bookshops, count me in, I prithee. I am sure I can spare some time from pursuit of the Muse for that.

It shan't be all poetry, either; you do remember I will be doing some small projects at the Astronomy Guild, yes? That plus having another go at the Quidditch analysis ought to keep me reasonably busy, though of course I shall keep up good study habits. Wouldn't want to go rusty before we embark on the long journey to NEWTs.

Of course, you're pursuing one fewer NEWT than I, so you'll have more time for tea shops.





 [alt\\_padma](#) at [2013-06-18 05:03:29](#)

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One fewer NEWT, maybe, but I'll bet we both get all 12 OWLs. I mean, if you get an Acceptable in Divination, I should be able to get at least the same!

(And I don't see what the fuss was about for Creatures. Honestly, did you need three years to learn what a jabberknoll is or how to avoid getting burned by a firecrab?)

**2013-06-16 12:20:00**

*Order Only: Private Message to Harry*

So.

We can talk here now. That's good. But you've got your mirror, don't forget. Anytime you need it.



 [alt\\_sirius](#)


And anytime you want to come over to Grimmauld. It's your house too, in a way. If you like.

How have you been sleeping? I saw Hermione said that it's even less of a picnic now, at Buckingham. So ... Well, as I say, anytime you want to get away, feel free.

All right?



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 [alt\\_harry](#) at **2013-06-16 16:50:45**  
(no subject)

Yeah, Hermione and me have been talking about how we can come over. Because I want to. And she wants to do stuff there too. At least until I have to help with YPL things. Like maybe we could have a Tea meeting or something every week, and whoever can make it could come.

If that's okay, I mean. Having other people come along. Because if it isn't, they could always just actually have tea or something. But I think other people want to learn Apparation who haven't yet, and Pans is sort of excited about working with Mr Snape, and everyone could use more work on Defence. And Draco and me didn't get to do much with everyone over Easter, and I think it might be good if he came along too. Maybe.

I wish I could just come whenever. But making it a regular thing is probably best. Because that way it's on the schedule and they know about Tea Appreciation and Lazslo's and won't get weird with security and things. Because they might get weird after what happened with Mr Selwyn. I'm not sure yet.

And Buckingham is Buckingham. It's big, and there's lots of other random people. Voldemort hasn't asked to talk to me at all. I hope he doesn't. And unless he asks especially, I'll probably just see him at dinner or something, and there are usually a lot of other people at


those sorts of things anyways so I wouldn't have to talk to him or anything. ~~I really hate it~~ Maybe we can spend part of summer hols with the Malfoys.

I mean

It's nice getting to just go out and fly around, and spending time with Draco and all, and it's better than Buckingham. ~~I know you don't~~ Anyways.

I'm fine.



 **[alt\\_harry](#)** at **[2013-06-16 16:51:03](#)**  
(no subject)

And I haven't forgotten about the mirror



 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-16 16:59:28](#)**  
(no subject)

It's all right, Harry. I want you to have some fun, too, and Merlin knows flying isn't very safe round Grimmauld. Though you could certainly fly from Buckingham to Laszlo's.

If you think a regular meeting is better then that's fine. Of course, the others are welcome. Even Draco, I guess. Perhaps Hydra's been a good influence on him, like you and Hermione have been. I just ... I want you to feel like it's your home, too.

Just be careful, around him. Them. All of them. Especially Bellatrix. And just because someone's not a Legilimens doesn't mean they can't pick up on lying, either.

I'm glad you're all right.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-16 17:15:24](#)  
(no subject)

Maybe Hermione and me could just go off shopping or something without telling anyone and see how weird they get about it. To see if we could just sort of go whenever.


Sometimes they care a lot, and sometimes it's like they forget I'm there.

And when they care, it's that I'm doing what they want me to do. They don't care about me, I mean, not what I think or anything. Or what I want. But sometimes it's like He Voldemort just sort of wants me to do something like with Madame Umbridge, and the Tournament, and the ceremony at the end of last term, and it's like all of a sudden I'm the most important thing and no matter what I do, someone's going to get hurt.

But then when Mr Selwyn was killed, it was like I was just there for no reason. Just there to watch. And I don't know when he'll decide to remember I'm around and that I've got to do something, or what it'll be, and it's sort of

I don't know.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-16 17:45:22](#)  
(no subject)

I think he doesn't know, half the time, what to do with you, Harry. He expects you to behave in certain ways and you can't, you're not that person. So he's surprised when you don't perform to his expectations because it never occurs to him that you're your own sort of person. The sort your mum and dad would be proud of.

But that's why I think you feel pulled in all directions, because he can't decide how to turn you into the man he wants you to be.


My parents did sort of the same thing - not to that extreme, of course. My father never expected me to commit murder for him. But he *did* have a way of ignoring me, and Regulus, until it suited him to put us on display. Mother was even worse when it came to

shifting the ground we thought we stood on. One never knew whether she wanted to kiss us or curse us. All I can tell you is that it's not you, Harry, it's not your fault, and if you can't please him - and you can't, you never will - then it's not worth worrying about succeeding in whatever he wants you to do. Stay true to yourself. Don't go out of your way to defy him but don't compromise yourself just to keep him from going mental. If you need to run, just run. You, Hermione, Draco - any of you. It's not worth sticking around if you think he's going to kill any of you.

As for the ritual, I don't know any more than you do why you had to be there. We have some theories, but that's all they are. I think he wanted you to see him create the Horcrux. I think he still thinks you might embrace the Dark Arts and emulate his examples. Albus had another thought. I don't know if you want to hear it but I think you deserve to know. His theory was that Voldemort had you brought there in case something went wrong with Selwyn. So he'd have a ... backup, if you will. Another potential vessel, in case he needed someplace else to lodge. Or - there may be other things he thought he could use you for.

But that's the point, Harry: You already know that he doesn't see you as anything but a piece in his chess game. We'll show him he's wrong to underestimate you but for now, it's probably better that he thinks you're just a rebellious teenager who is no threat at all.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-16 18:04:16](#)  
(no subject)

I don't want to make him happy. That's the last thing I want to do. I just want to keep him from hurting as many people as I can.

He nearly destroyed Hogwarts just to put me through a test. Sophie Fleet died because of it. And when we did what we did to Madame Umbridge, it wasn't because that's what he wanted. It's because it was what we needed to do.




 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-16 19:46:03](#)  
(no subject)

But my point, Harry, is that he's going to hurt people whether you try to keep it from happening or not. And when he does, it's not because you did the right thing or the wrong thing. It's because he's an insane, power-mad murdering bastard.

And things like Madam Umbridge - well, that's what I mean. You weren't thinking about him and you did what you needed to do. Same with the Ministry and little Arista Selwyn. You weren't thinking about the consequences. And you did the right thing. Your only mistake was not telling us about it (though I've heard Miss Perks' theory that that was the Felix Felicis and thus was not a mistake). We're here to help you, Harry. All of you.

But if you trust your instincts, you'll be all right.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-16 19:55:23](#)  
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Okay.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-16 18:08:57](#)  
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I was wondering why I was there.

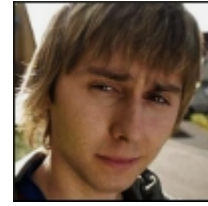
It makes sense.

I mean, that he'd think of me like that.

I guess I just won't let him get that close next time. Or at least I can try.

**2013-06-16 13:03:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good*



Hullo, everyone!

I say, I suppose I ought to bring this to the Order but it still feels...odd, what, to ask for their help directly.

 [alt\\_justin](#)

There was a spot of bother at the Jugsons' at brunch this morning.

It seems all year long, their servant Maggie has been receiving little care parcels, mostly of food and clothes, nothing all too extravagant. But this morning Mrs Jugson commented that Maggie's put on almost a stone, from the look of her, and accused her to pinching extra portions from the larder.

They insisted on inspecting her room and saw the extra clothes and her cupboard of food. Mr Jugson demanded to know where she'd got them. She said someone was sending them and she didn't know who.

It was clear they were about to do something rash, what, so I spoke up and said that I'd sent the parcels, just as remembrances.

No one was too pleased with that, of course, but what else could one do? Mrs Jugson was bally well upset. 'Don't you think we feed or clothe our own mudblood well enough?' she said. I said no, of course, Maggie has all she needs but that one wishes from time to time to bestow largesse on one's inferiors, what.

At that, Mrs Jugson decided I must be sweet on Maggie--I say, I'm not sure which assumption was more repugnant to her (though if truth be told, they *could* provide better for her so in a way it was better to let her think I admire Maggie). But they let it go, at least, provided I stopped immediately. I promised I should never do it again and they left.

But then Maggie--well, she must not have known, in truth, because she believed Mrs Jugson's conclusion. She looked at me rather piteously, what, and tried to tell me that she felt no attraction. I corrected her as gently as I could and explained that I've had nothing whatever to do with her parcels and haven't the slightest idea who might be sending them.

The interesting thing was that she wondered if her benefactor could be sending her these gifts as an elaborate trap, what? And she allowed that it would be good to know who's behind it and why. 'So that I'll know whether to thank the person or send the things back,' she said.

I can't imagine that someone's entrapping her, what, but it does occur to me that someone in the Order might be sending her things, because they feel sorry for her, what? Only, it's a rather delicate question to ask and I shouldn't like to offend anyone by asking. My guess is that it's either Mr Lupin, sending her things from Laszlo's stock, or it's Mrs Weasley.

What do you think we ought to do? Ron, Hermione? Might we ask privately when we visit next (and does anyone know when that might be)?

-Justin

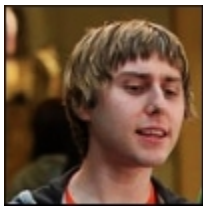


 **[alt\\_hydra](#)** at **[2013-06-16 17:33:35](#)**

*(no subject)*

Maggie's been with us to Laszlo's, so it might be Mr Lupin, or even Dora. I don't mind asking Dora about it at all. Should I?

It sounds like she's quite cautious, though, which is good. I wonder if there's a way to get her a wand. Though if she's very very cautious, she might not even want one.



 **[alt\\_justin](#)** at **[2013-06-16 17:53:19](#)**

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Hydra,

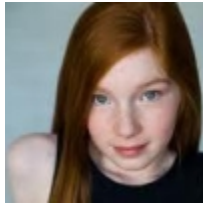
Yes, I think you asking Dora might be just the thing, love.


I offered--that is, I told her that if she ever needed anything, I hoped she'd come and tell me, what. And she said, 'What could I possibly need?' or something like that. I don't know if anyone could resist a wand if one were offered but I say, I think you're right: She's too cautious to ask for one and perhaps she doesn't care to take the risk



at all. Only I can't imagine *not* wanting to be free if one could jolly well manage it, what.

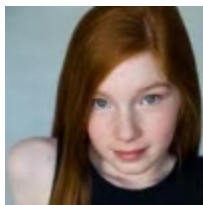
-Justin




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Would she know how to use one if she got it?

I mean, has she ever had one before?

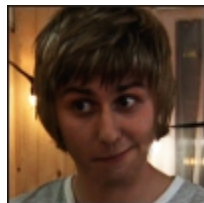



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We've got whole loads of people who've been without wands for years and years and years, and some people who never got to go to Hogwarts.

Or if they went, it was only for a little while.

It's rather overwhelming, if you think about it.



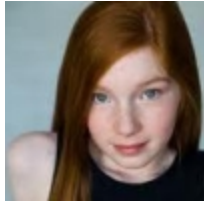
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Yes, we have.

As for Maggie, I don't know if she ever had a wand before or was one of the ones who went to Hogwarts for a year or two before everything changed. I say, I think if she were, Ms Tonks should have recognised her from then, since I think they may be close to the same age. But then Maggie might be a little older, what, so perhaps they didn't know each other from school.

In any case, the Order have given wands to people who've never had them before, all along, haven't they?

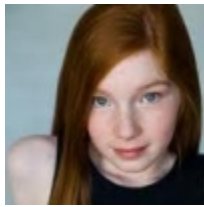
-Justin



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I'm not sure.

I mean, they've given them to loads of adults, but most of them seem older, like they would've had a bit of training, even if it was ages ago. Or kids, like at Moddey, or Hermione and Terry who were at Hogwarts and could learn a bit.



 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at [2013-06-16 18:48:30](#)  
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But if she's older than Ms Tonks, then she might've gone to school for a bit, and you might be able to help her too.

It's certainly worth asking her if she's ever had a wand, as a place to start.




 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-16 18:49:52](#)  
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Oh, I say, well done, you. Jolly good; yes, that's a perfect suggestion.

-Justin

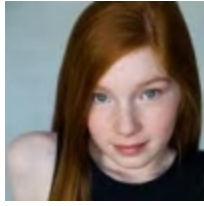


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It is, yeah.

I mean, even if we do manage to kill Voldemort, that's not going to make everything perfect just

like that.

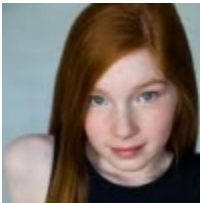


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Yes.

It'd take a lot of work.

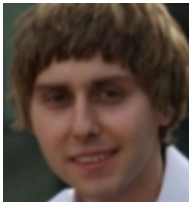
And I suppose they're going to need people like us to sort it all out. We wouldn't be able to do everything all on our own, but we could be a great help, I think.



 **[alt\\_evelyn](#)** at **[2013-06-16 17:42:15](#)**  
(no subject)

It's rather indiscreet of them, isn't it? Given how worried they were about bringing extra attention to Sally-Anne.

It might be best to ask, only because if she gets more, they might be looking for it, and she'd get in more trouble. And whoever's sending it wouldn't know to stop unless you mentioned it to them.



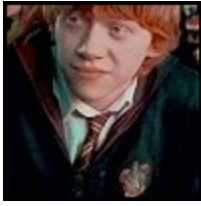
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Evelyn,

Yes but perhaps they weren't sure how else to make contact?

And I agree. Either way, I do want to find out who's sending the packages because--well, I say, obviously whomever it is has an interest in her. I'd like to make sure it's not, as she said, an unhealthy one.

-Justin

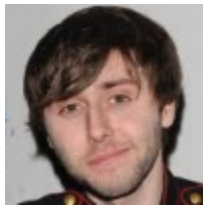



 **[alt\\_ron](#)** at **[2013-06-16 20:08:31](#)**  
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What if it's some bloke from wherever she goes to shop for the Jugsons? Or someone from someplace else around where they live?

I mean, I don't know why it would be the Order. They'd have given her a wand already, don't you think?

I'll ask Mum, though, yeah?



 **[alt\\_justin](#)** at **[2013-06-16 20:42:54](#)**  
(no subject)

Hullo, Ron,

How's your summer starting? I expect Mrs Weasley's very happy to have you all home again.

I say, yes, that's definitely a possibility (and one I asked her about, what), but I thought it seemed like we ought to rule out whether it's someone we know before asking about finding someone we don't, if you follow me.

-Justin

**2013-06-16 17:48:00**

*ORDER ONLY*

right.

dorcas and me went to dacorum and talked to linda toulson about losing ten people. tonks and me have been there twice, once to give her a wand and once to pass on a button. linda's a good sort, and we'd talked to her before about funneling people out, so she had a fair idea of what to do.



 [alt\\_frank](#)


it'll take a few days to get everyone together, but she's kept a few people in mind since we'd talked last, and has already started some of the paperwork to transfer them out. we'll be able to get them on wednesday, and they can stay with sherwood until the solstice trip.

she figures we can do ten people at a time just this once before things get sticky for her, but she said we might be able to funnel people out one at a time spaced out over the year now that we've got a place they could stay that could feed them. it's worth talking to moxon about too. if we set up a steady stream from two or three camps and take them to France twice a year, we could shift a hundred a year easy. all we'd be limited by are how many aldrich can take on, and the size of our boat.

and we can always get a bigger boat.

it's something to think about, yeah?



 [alt\\_justin](#) at **2013-06-17 01:03:36**

*(no subject)*

Mr Longbottom,

Pardon me, but what exactly would be involved in obtaining another boat?

Thank you,

-Justin Finch-Fletchley




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well, depends.

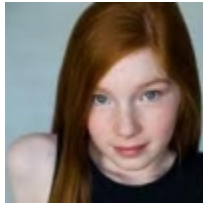
we usually find a boat and try to fix it up best we can. better than building a brand new one. we're by the coast, so it's not too hard to find fishing boats and the like.

vic and danny are both handy with engines, and it takes a lot less time if we use a motor for most of the way, so if it's got an engine that tends to be useful. even if it's just fitted for an outboard motor, we can find one and attach it. elektricity doesn't work too well closer to the wards, so we need oars or a sail for the last bit.



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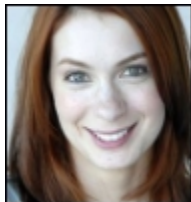
we've got the chum bucket, which is a rowboat we use for short-range fishing, the hopeful, which is our smaller motor boat, and the tide turner, which the players helped us build a few years back. the tide turner's a bit bigger, and fits more people, but if we're taking twenty, we'll probably put a dozen or so on the tide turner, and the rest on the hopeful.




 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at [2013-06-17 01:47:18](#)  
(no subject)

Might we fly up and down the coast a bit and see what we could find?

If we make a flying party out of it, and bring a picnic, I don't think it'd look too suspicious.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-17 02:59:56](#)  
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That might work, love.

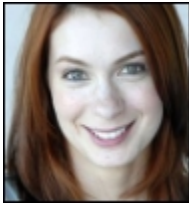
There's no immediate rush, but it's a thought for later this summer.




 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-17 01:36:53](#)**  
(no subject)

I suspect we'll need some of Davidson's people to help side-along them to the coast. Maybe even for the escape, if you and Danny are skipping the two boats.

If we're going to try for a larger boat, it might be better to find one that's already further down the coast, maybe even maintain it somewhere away from Moddey, under cover somehow. Just in case the island is ever compromised.



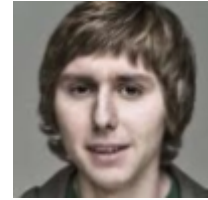
 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-17 01:41:13](#)**  
(no subject)

That sounds like a good plan.

And moving such a large boat to Moddey for repairs without being seen would be difficult.

**2013-06-16 21:06:00**

*Order Only: Private Message to Sirius*



 **alt\_justin**

Sirius,

I've been reading back through the Order conversations and I wanted to ask... *do* you think we might be able to get a message to my mother? Perhaps someone could give a letter to that Aleks chap who meets you at the solstice--I say, that's this Friday, isn't it?--and he might send it through the Muggle post, what? I'd like to let her know that everything's all right.

I'm not going to be allowed to leave the Jugsons' house for a few days (don't worry about it; just a misunderstanding about their servant...and Hydra's cat), but I could certainly send you the letter via owl.

If it's too late to arrange anything of that sort, I'm sure it'll keep. And of course, it goes without saying that if you think it's too dangerous, I'll of course defer to that judgement.

I...know she can't reply, what, but...well, I have quite a lot to tell her. About Hydra and...everything. Which is why I thought handing it across the wards would be the safest way, so it shan't be intercepted.

What do you think?

-Justin



 **alt\_sirius** at **2013-06-17 01:26:53**

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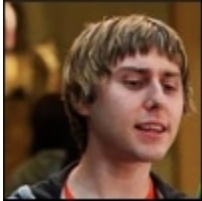
Hey, kiddo. Yeah, there's some difficult stuff in there for you, I'd imagine. For the record, I think Hydra's cut more like her aunt Andromeda than her mother or Narcissa.


~~I hope you don't think your mum and I~~

As for a letter, I'm sure we could work something out. But not being able to get it to us yourself could be a risk. If it's too sensitive to trust to an owl outside the wards, it's probably too sensitive to trust to an owl even across New London.



What sort of misunderstanding? Do you reckon they'd let you use the Floo? You could pass the letter directly to Dora, Remus or Ellie, if you like.



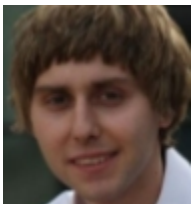
 **alt\_justin** at **2013-06-17 13:27:28**  
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Good morning,

Yes, I could use the Floo, I suppose; it's just a matter of making sure no one else is about. But today I'm allowed the free run of the house, what, and I think I can convince Remy and Alfie to go flying. Mrs Jugson's taking tea out somewhere this afternoon. Perhaps I can use the Floo in the parlour then. It's all bally well academic: I successfully Apparated when we went to the Ministry. I'm sure I could manage Doughty Conduit from here but I don't wish to give them any further reason to find me disobedient.

As for the reasons.... I admit I had not secured their permission to return home with a pet, what. And there was a discussion yesterday about some mysterious gifts Maggie had received, for which I voluntarily took the blame. Not to worry, though! It's merely an inconvenience.

-Justin



 **alt\_justin** at **2013-06-19 16:00:13**  
(no subject)

Sirius,

I'm coming to see the Ponds family this afternoon. I've been allowed to go out again (my O.W.L. results were...compelling, if you follow me), so I shall bring the letter in person.

Remy seems to want to come along so we may not be able to talk, what, but I hope you haven't left yet for the coast.

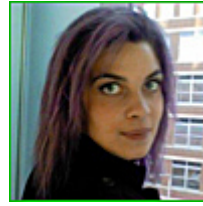
-Justin

**2013-06-16 22:35:00**

*Cousin Hydra*

Wotcher, Hydra!

We read the notice in the Prophet, Mr Ponds and I, that school's let out for the long vacation. We're hoping you might drop in for a visit, if you've the time free.



 **alt\_nymphadora**


Bring your friends as well, if you'd like: we've a new tea you could all try, a special hybrid Assam, grown right here in the Protectorate out in Cornwall at the Avalon project. Have you heard of it? It's a brilliant magical preserve and herbological experiment to see if they can't reproduce different growing conditions from all around the globe. They mean to grow a bit of every sort of thing there eventually. Ginger, and saffron, and tamarind and other things that haven't ever been grown here. Plus coffee and tea. That's a proper use of magic, now, isn't it?

Anywiz, we'd love to see you. Bea can tell you all about her birthday and show you how terribly tall she's grown.

We hope you're well.

Sincerely,  
Dora and Junius



 **alt\_hydra** at **2013-06-17 03:56:18**  
(no subject)

Dear cousin Dora and Mr Ponds,

I'll have to check with Mummy and Daddy, but of course I would be very pleased to visit. I will let you know what my parents say. Say hello to Bea for me.


From,  
cousin Hydra



 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-17 04:45:49](#)  
(no subject)

Oh, excellent! It'll be brilliant to see you.




 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-17 03:57:17](#)  
*Order Only - Private message to Dora*

This feels a little strange. Writing twice in two ways, I mean.

Well, hello. We haven't really had a chance to write properly this new way, have we?




 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-17 04:50:10](#)  
*Re: Order Only - Private message to Dora*

It does feel strange, I know just what you mean.

Feels odd to keep up the charade about us being Mr and Mrs Ponds, as well. Now you know the truth of that.

It's true, though, that we hope you can visit soon. You're welcome anytime!



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-17 22:59:26](#)  
*Re: Order Only - Private message to Dora*

I suppose I've always been good at hiding things, and saying one thing and thinking another, so it's not as difficult for me as it might be for the others.

Yes, I'd like to visit, and there's something I've meant to ask you, as well. Only perhaps I ought to just ask here. Do you know the Jugson's muggleborn servant, Maggie?



 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at **2013-06-18 01:43:24**

*Re: Order Only - Private message to Dora*

I do, yes. She's been here a few times to do her shopping, though not at all recently. I wondered whether the Jugsons didn't like her coming.

Perhaps she took a bit longer to shop with us, since she had a bit of a sit and chat when she did.

I hope she could come along with Justin if you all come for tea.



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at **2013-06-18 18:20:09**

*Re: Order Only - Private message to Dora*

I think both Maggie and Justin are trying to avoid causing any offense to Mrs Jugson, at the moment, but I hope she'll be able to come one day, too.

Had you been sending her little parcels and things from Laszlo's, then?

[2013-06-16 22:37:00](#)

*Summer!*

So I'm still recovering, lots of exercises to do, butt that's nothing new. Thank you to everyone who sent cards and well wishes (Yes that means you Zach! Just flu before coming over, afternoons generally better than morning)



 [alt\\_cedric](#)


I hope the leaving feast and train ride back to New London was as wizard as ever for all of you. Congrats to everyone on their NEWTs, OWLs and exams.

As I'm not (and won't be for awhile) up to major outings, I'm not going to be able to make it to any of the Cannons's games this summer. So instead I'm hosting Wizarding Wireless game day listening parties. Plan on there being one for every e Canon game unless I post otherwise. Starts about an hour before Snitch release, come for food, fun and conversation!

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 [alt\\_cedric](#) at [2013-06-17 02:54:37](#)

*Private Message to Fred and George*

**Hey Mates,  
Of course you are welcome to  
come to the Cannon parties, but  
you are also welcome to stop by  
whenever. Just floo beforehand so you can  
make sure I'm not off at one of my many  
appointments.**



 [alt\\_gredforge](#) at [2013-06-17 20:44:19](#)

*Re: Private Message to Fred and George*

Excellent! It'll be good to see you. Sorry we didn't reply before now--Mum decided to celebrate us leaving school by ordering us to de-gnome the

garden, so we've been busy with that today. Maybe tomorrow afternoon? Or Wednesday, if that suits you better. We'll just check by Floo before coming over, as you suggest.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-17 03:12:15](#)

*(no subject)*

Hey, mate, good to hear.

I'll try and make at least one of those wireless get-togethers, yeah?



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-17 03:13:06](#)

*Private Message to Cedric*

And I'm going to try and come by soon so we can talk. This next week okay?



 [alt\\_cedric](#) at [2013-06-17 18:06:33](#)

*Re: Private Message to Cedric*

**Any afternoon other than Thursday. Just let me know which day. Look forward to talking again.**



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-18 19:43:30](#)

*Re: Private Message to Cedric*

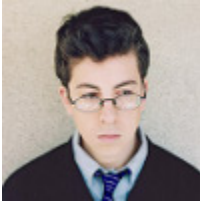
Friday afternoon okay?




 [alt\\_cedric](#) at [2013-06-18 19:58:18](#)

*Re: Private Message to Cedric*

**I should be home have had the chance  
to eat by half one. Look forward to  
seeing you!**



 **[alt\\_linus](#)** at **[2013-06-17 04:39:50](#)**  
*(no subject)*

Wizards Wireless game day parties? Capital idea, Cedric! I look forward to attending at least one of them, as the ongoing stats project has awakened in me new appreciation for the game -- and new appreciation for the fine tradition of exchanging Quidditch lore as well.



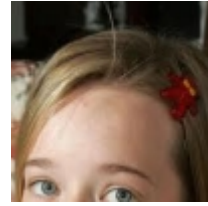
 **[alt\\_zacharias](#)** at **[2013-06-17 04:40:31](#)**  
*(no subject)*

Good-o, Ced, and don't worry, we won't stay until you're too knackered.

**2013-06-17 17:59:00**

*private message to Harry Marvolo*

I keep thinking about what you said about trying to do the right thing but sometimes it doesn't turn out that way. And I am afraid that I will pick the wrong choices again.



 [alt\\_megan](#)

Because Madam Umbridge was not a good choice. Even if she was in charge. Only we are supposed to look to those above us for guidance. But like Cedric Diggory said, some people lead you into swamps and you could get lost forever. Or you could get somebody else lost.

Because now Susan wants to be friends with me again, only what if I get in a swamp and I get her in there too? If I pick the wrong thing and something happens like Sarah

Is it a halfblood thing, to be afraid? Except you probably are not ever scared. Only you said you are a halfblood too even if most people do not treat you like one. So maybe you are. Scared, I mean. Sometimes.

Please do not be insulted. I do not mean to be disrespectful. But I really don't have anyone to ask. Because not many people talk to me. Except Susan now. But I cannot ask her about this because it is about her. Or Eloise because she is still cross.

I wish I knew what to do. Maybe it is safer for other people if I don't have friends after all. Because then I can never get them into a swamp by picking the wrong choices.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at **2013-06-17 23:56:52**

*(no subject)*

Hey, Megan.

I'm not

I'm not perfect, you know. I don't think anybody is, but I'm really not. So sure, we can talk, talking's good. But I'm not going to tell you what to do, you know? I don't even know what I'm supposed to do most of the time.

And yeah, I get scared. Of course I do. Everyone does.



I think it's good that Susan wants to be friends.

I don't know.

Maybe

Okay. So sometimes we worry that we'll end up hurting our friends. And that's probably a good thing. But we can't protect them from everything, you know?

So that means we can choose to not have any friends, or be friends and maybe that means they might get hurt, but part of being friends is trying really hard to do right by them. And if they're a friend, they'll want to take the risk with you. And they're trying to do right by you too.



 **[alt\\_harry](#)** at **[2013-06-18 00:01:53](#)**  
(no subject)

And maybe that's more important than just listening to someone who might not even care about you. Or who isn't looking out for you.


Just trying really hard to do right by your friends, and letting them try hard back.

It's something, I guess.

I mean, it's more complicated. There are laws and things, and sometimes you've got to look out for more than just your friends, because that wouldn't be good, but

yeah.



 **[alt\\_megan](#)** at **[2013-06-18 03:00:36](#)**  
(no subject)

That is the other thing I am scared about. I have always listened to Miss Penworthy but she is ill and distracted so often now that she does not always look out for me. And quite often she does not even remember I am even there. So I was scared, and then Madam Umbridge was nice to me at first sometimes and I hoped there

might be a place for me. If I needed it. Because she said I was useful. Except then she wanted

If we are supposed to listen to those above for guidance, shouldn't they give us some? Instead of asking who is expendable?



 **[alt\\_harry](#)** at **[2013-06-18 03:26:08](#)**  
(no subject)

If that's what they're asking, then maybe they aren't the people we should listen to. And what says we have to listen to anybody?

Look, I don't

I mean,

it's not like there's a thing that's always going to be right each and every time no matter what. Like following the rules. Or listening to someone who's supposed to be in charge. Or even trying to do what you think is best. And I know you're sort of


stuck

on Madame Umbridge and all, but she's not here any more. Anyways. She was an awful person, but she's gone. ~~And it looks like your foster mum~~ And you have to sort out what you want to do next.

I don't know. It's messed up sometimes. I can't answer your question because there isn't an answer, and I don't know.

I'm sorry?



 **[alt\\_megan](#)** at **[2013-06-18 04:01:59](#)**  
(no subject)

I'm glad she's not here any more. And you are right she was an awful person.

I am just glad she is not a ghost here.

And it's okay. You don't have to give me answers. I know there

isn't one. But it is still very kind of you to talk with me. Because it helps some. So thank you.




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-18 04:03:13](#)  
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She's gone, and she's never coming back.

And it's not a big deal. It's just talking. I mean, it's okay. To talk. If you need to. Or want to.

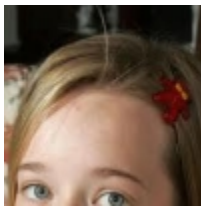
Whatever.



 [alt\\_megan](#) at [2013-06-18 04:04:21](#)  
(no subject)

Okay.

Thanks, Harry.



 [alt\\_megan](#) at [2013-06-18 00:41:26](#)  
(no subject)

Okay. It's hard to know what to choose but Susan is willing to be friends again so I am going to try. Because it is a risk but I cannot choose for her. Even if I am scared. Because she gets to pick her own choices. Because if I don't let her pick her own choices I am not being a good friend to her anyway, right?

~~I just hope her choices are better than mine because mine were not very good this year~~



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-18 00:54:24](#)  
(no subject)

Yeah. Like that.

And I think it's better to take a chance than just never try.

**[2013-06-18 12:20:00](#)**

*A Red-Letter Day Indeed!*

I have just received my OWLs results letter, as I trust all of you have, and suddenly all the toil and effort of the past year seem worthwhile. Hearty congratulations to all of you who have cause for celebration, and a rousing cheer for the chief ornament of Ravenclaw Corner. (Padma, when I saw that my class ranking was second place, my disappointment was lifted by the knowledge that first place went to such a worthy competitor.)




 [alt\\_linus](#)

Now, as to NEWTs, what are everyone's plans? It's so exciting!

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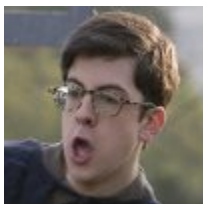
 [alt\\_padma](#) at [2013-06-18 17:31:07](#)


*Private Message to Lines*

Thanks.

It does feel like a huge relief. Only, Pav didn't do so well. She passed enough (8 total), but only TWO with a high enough mark to continue. Mum wants her to write to all her professors to see if one will let her go on. She wants to leave school and work with Mum starting next year.

It's...Well, it's not well pretty. And the Aunts are over here making suggestions about who she should marry instead. Which is not helping.

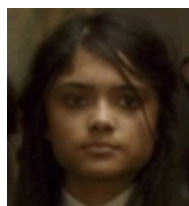


 [alt\\_linus](#) at [2013-06-18 17:34:12](#)

*Re: Private Message to Lines*

She what? How is that possible?

Sorry, sorry. Only, well, it's such a shock!



 [alt\\_padma](#) at [2013-06-18 17:55:46](#)

*Re: Private Message to Lines*

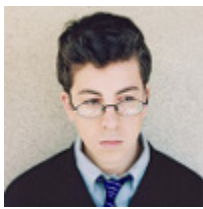
I dunno. I dunno what happened. She got six Acceptables. The only Outstanding she got was Divination, and she got an E in Charms. Mum pointed out that the letter says you can go on in

Herbology with an A, and that would give her enough, but Pavs hates Herbology and doesn't want to continue.

She was ranked 30 out of the 34 of us.

Dad just came over and he's saying they ought to ask for that review thing in the letter, and maybe have her retest. He's sure she only missed a few E's by a point or two.

I'm trying not to be noticed, to be honest. Maybe I'll go see if Blaise got his results.




 **alt\_linus** at **2013-06-18 17:52:15**

*Re: Private Message to Lines*

Is she going to put in a request for reexamination, then? Give her a comforting word from me, if you think it would help.

Sensitive though I am to the plight of your sister, I must ask the burning question about a different topic entirely: how did you do on the Divination exam??



 **alt\_padma** at **2013-06-18 17:57:53**

*Re: Private Message to Lines*

Well, Dad wants her to request the reexamination. We'll see.

I think I'm going to get out of the house for a while until everyone cools down.

As for Divination, it's probably a good thing that was her one topic of excellence. I suspect Lav's was a good mark, too. I seem to have picked up enough from them to get an Acceptable.

You're not going to tell me you did better, are you?

Did you manage all 12, then?



 **alt\_linus** at [2013-06-18 18:03:51](#)


*Re: Private Message to Lines*

Ah! A salve to my wounded Ravenclaw pride. I brought home an E. Wasn't that the silliest exam ever? I confess to asking myself, "Now, what would Lav say?" on several questions, and blending the result with a tiny bit of Byron's imagery, and it seems to have worked a treat!

And yes, all twelve. Father and Mother are over the moon about it.

So. NEWTS. What shall we do?



 **alt\_padma** at [2013-06-18 18:12:12](#)

*Re: Private Message to Lines*

You never! But if you got an E and I still came in first then...How many O's did you manage? I wonder if they've ever had two students get all 12 in the same year. I bet Professor Vector would know.

As for going on, I'm really not sure. I mean, I'm obviously sticking with Potions, and Charms, and Defence and Noble Arts. And Transfigurations because it's well useful. And I would drop Herbology but it's too essential to good Potioneering. That's already six and everyone says that doing more than eight is next to impossible.

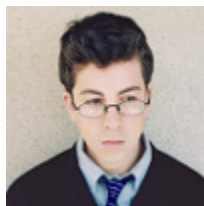
So that leaves Arithmancy, Ancient Runes, Astronomy and History of Magic.

Well, obviously, I could do without any of them but I don't want to stop going to Professor Vector's lessons. They're too fun. And Runes, well, again, they're so *useful*. I'd drop Astronomy, I guess, only one doesn't want to offend Siz (or Raz, for that matter) and everyone says N.E.W.T. Astronomy's much more interesting than O.W.L.

And as for History.... Well, I'd feel a bit naff, leading History Club and not taking the course anymore. Even if Binns is well useless.

But I simply can't take all 10. I'd be daft to try.

What about you?



 **[alt\\_linus](#)** at **[2013-06-18 18:25:05](#)**

*Re: Private Message to Lines*


I have got a quartet of O's singing in sweet, sweet harmony: History of Magic, Noble Arts, Astronomy and Arithmancy. All else are E's; not an A in the lot. Why, how many did you get?

Excellent idea about asking Professor Vector. Do you want to, or shall I? I was going to send her an owl in any case, with a note of thanks for the additional problem sets she gave me this past week to take my mind off waiting for results.

There might be a clever way to reduce at least some of the pressure. I have looked carefully, and as near as I can tell, there is nothing to stop one from doing an exam-only NEWT just as we did for the OWL with Div. So... what would you think of not taking the class for History of Magic, and going with the exam only? Seriously, we could manage well enough with History Club, if we were careful to plan the topics to cover what we needed to be studying. (It might even pick up a few new members, were we to advertise that, in fact.)

As to the rest, hmm. I share your desire to do as many as possible, though.



 **[alt\\_padma](#)** at **[2013-06-18 18:47:41](#)**

*Re: Private Message to Lines*

Seven O's, three Es, and the two As. I wasn't expecting either of those, really, since I hadn't sat the lessons at all, so getting all twelve was really a nice surprise.

I wish it hadn't come along with Pavs' bad news, though.

If you've something to write to Professor Vector then go ahead and ask. It'll be interesting to find out.

Let me find out what Seamus plans to do. If he's going on in

History then we really could drop the lessons because we'd have someone scouting what daft thing Binns is going to cover next.

I think he said he and Mr Rosier were taking a sailing holiday, though, so he might not be able to answer right away. I mean, I'm sure he has his journal, it's just that he might be fishing or something.



**2013-06-18 14:48:00**

*Private Message to Seamus*



 [alt\\_padma](#)

Hullo!

How is your holiday so far?

If you're off with Mr Rosier you might not even have got your letter yet, but most of us got our O.W.L. results today. How did you do? Is Mr Rosier pleased?

Actually, that's partly why I'm writing. We have to reply by the 1st as to which subjects we'll be continuing and I didn't know if you meant to continue in History. Because Lines and I are thinking of skiving off it for N.E.W.T.s and only sitting the exams (like I did for Creatures and Divination) but I didn't want to do that if one of us wasn't going to continue, so that History Club can at least attempt to stay on track.

To be honest, we could maybe pass History Club on to someone in 4<sup>th</sup> or even 3<sup>rd</sup> years but Lines might pout. He's so needy that way. Anyway, something like History Club looks good on a vitae, doesn't it?

Well, mostly I just wanted to see how you're doing. Have you finished with Remy after that spectacle at the wedding? Or are there plans for you two this summer? There might not even *be* any YPL, that's what Bobolis was saying on the train, but either way, you'll be able to see each other if you want to, won't you?

And, the other thing? Ireland? There hasn't been any more trouble for you because of any of it, has there? I don't like to bring it up if it upsets you but you'd let me know if you're still having problems, right?

Write me if you have time or when you get back to New London if you're busy having your holiday, and we'll meet up for ice creams or something, all right?

Love from,

Padma

**2013-06-18 15:30:00**


*(no subject)*

I hope everyone in our class got some good news today.



 [alt\\_harry](#)



 [alt\\_harry](#) at **2013-06-18 19:52:09**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

I did okay.

Lots of Es. And an O in Defence, which, yeah, not surprised. I thought I'd do worse than I did, because of all the other stuff I was working on, but I guess setting up all those study sessions meant I practised enough.

We'll see what Voldemort has to say about it. He'll either get angry that I didn't do the best of everyone or not even notice.

And if he thought I'd be the best, he hasn't been paying attention.

Here's hoping he's too busy looking for his nose to ask what I got.

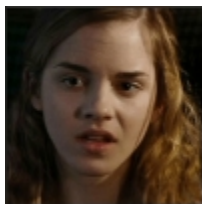


 [alt\\_draco](#) at **2013-06-18 20:40:01**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

I'm fourth in our class. Who do you reckon's first?

Not sure I'll bother to carry on with Creatures, Astronomy, or History. What are you thinking of dropping?



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at **2013-06-18 21:01:58**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

If I'm reading Linus Moon's post right, Padma took first and he's second. I bet Sally-Anne came third or maybe Pansy; we've been revising loads.

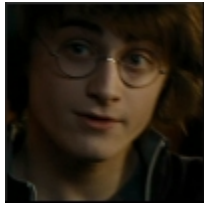


 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-18 21:04:40](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

I'm sure it's Sally Anne, not Pansy, though Pansy likely did well.

Rather aggravating that a pair who are so entirely clueless in other ways would take the top spots.




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-18 21:10:04](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

I know, right?

I guess being swotty doesn't guarantee that you know everything. Just what's on the exams.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-18 21:10:42](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

You know what I mean. I didn't mean you.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-18 21:19:34](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

Did you just call me a swot?



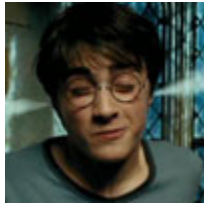
**alt\_harry at 2013-06-18 21:23:40**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

Well, see, you're the best of both worlds. Because you're a swot who can also conquer Pink Toads. And rescue little kids. And generally kick arse.

So I figure that just makes you even more dangerous.

In a good way.



**alt\_harry at 2013-06-18 21:34:34**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

But yeah. I guess I did.

Swot.

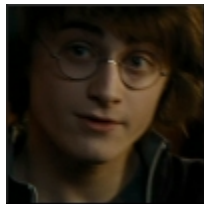


**alt\_hermione at 2013-06-18 21:17:29**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

I don't think it's that surprising, do you? It's not like they've got anything else to worry about.

If anything, it's more impressive that you and Sally-Anne made it to the top 5 with so much on your minds that's more important than books and cleverness.



**alt\_harry at 2013-06-18 21:18:27**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

Yeah. That's what I meant.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-18 21:22:44](#)


*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

They could have more to worry about if they wanted to, but they don't. I suppose it isn't worthwhile to fault them that, though.

I wonder how you would have done if you were able to take proper lessons with us all along. Top of the class?

What do you reckon, Harry?




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-18 21:26:01](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

Probably, yeah.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-18 21:06:52](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

I think Linus said it was Padma, but I'm not sure.

And yeah, I figured you'd do well.

Good on you.

I failed out of History and Divination, and I'm not going to miss them. And I'll probably drop Arithmancy and Astronomy instead of applying to stay with them. Because that'll leave me with seven and I think that's probably plenty. Maybe it's too many if I'm going to be doing a load of other stuff, though.

I'm going to talk to Raz and see what he thinks. And probably Mrs Longbottom too, you know, just to have another opinion.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-18 21:25:02](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*

Cheers. Though I was hoping for top three, and I expect my parents were, as well.

You don't suppose Siz will be hurt if we drop Astronomy, now that she's a relation of sorts?



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-18 21:31:41](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger*


Not sure.

I mean, maybe it'll be easier for her to be a relation of sorts if we aren't taking her class? I bet she'd make us tea every now and then, and she does make really good tea.

With biscuits and things.

I'd rather have tea once a month than get up in the middle of the night every week.

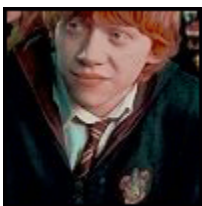



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-18 19:53:30](#)

*Private Message to Ron*

That Goblin song was pretty much the only reason I didn't get a T on my History. I mean, I got a P, but it totally would've been a T.

How'd you do?




 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-19 02:39:21](#)

*Re: Private Message to Ron*

Ha. Yeah, I didn't pass History or Divination, but, y'know, it's not like it matters. No one with a brain wants more of Binns. Or Carpenter, either, yeah?

Did all right in the rest, so I reckon I'm going on with Transfig and Defence--I got an O there, which is a bit of a shocker--didn't figure I'd done enough on any of the parchments to pull an O. And I can go on in Charms and Creature and Potions, too, which I wasn't sure of. Potions, I mean, but I did it. And I got an E in Dark Arts.



 **[alt\\_ron](#) at 2013-06-19 02:41:04**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Mum may have kittens about it, but I'm going on unless Mr Black or Mr Longbottom says not to.



 **[alt\\_harry](#) at 2013-06-19 02:57:15**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Yeah.

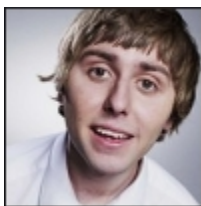
Me too.


Do you think

I guess the person I'm most worried about is my cousin.

Dudley.

If he'd understand why I was doing things to muggles like that. If we have to keep doing stuff to them, I mean. Like we had to for OWLs. And that I chose to keep doing it.



 **[alt\\_justin](#) at 2013-06-19 03:25:31**

*(no subject)*

Hullo, Harry,

Yes, I say, it was good enough that the Jugsons have decided I'm no longer confined to the house, what? (I suppose foster-parents can't be expected to appreciate little surprises like looking after someone else's pet for the summer.)

To everyone who's happy with his marks: Well done! And to anyone who's disappointed, my condolences.

(I say, does anyone know why we got the news so early this year? I

was noticing that last year's marks took an age to get to everyone. Not that I'm complaining, what, far from it! Far better to know well in advance of the end of summer than to have to choose one's courses in a rush, what!)

-Justin



**2013-06-18 15:36:00**

*(no subject)*

THIS IS HARRY. YOU HEAR OF ANYONE WHO DIDN'T PASS ENOUGH LET ME KNOW. AND NO ONE SHOULD TRUST A JOB OFFER FROM STRANGEWEALE. PASS IT ON.



 [alt\\_galleon](#)

**2013-06-18 15:37:00**

*(no subject)*

AND. HAVE A GOOD SUMMER HOLS  
EVERYONE. WE DESERVE IT.



 **alt\_galleon**

**2013-06-18 19:31:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Ron and I just got back from visiting with Sally-Anne. She did wonderfully well on her OWLs, which is not surprising in the least, and she was happy about it, as well she should be.



 [alt\\_pansy](#)

How did everyone else do?

I did fine. Not as well as I could've, but good enough to not have to hide my head. And I got my O levels for Potions and Charms, which was nice.

I utterly failed my Herbology. I mean, I lit my plant on fire and all, but I thought I'd done all right on the written part, but I suppose I confused things a bit. More than a bit. I think I thought I could skate by on the writtens and pull out an A, but I didn't.

Maybe Professor Sprout can give me a bit of tutoring over the summer so I don't miss out on too much when it comes to applying Herbology to Potions. And if it's just that bit, I'll be more likely to pay attention. I'll have to ask her.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-19 00:35:27](#)


*(no subject)*

Hullo, Pansy!

Oh, I'm sorry about your Herbology. I shan't be continuing in that, either, what. But well done, Sally-Anne, and really all of us, I suppose. I say, how is she getting along with her father, or ought one not to ask?

-Justin




 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-19 00:39:50](#)

*(no subject)*

She's doing okay.

I'm glad we're able to talk every day, and I'll be more glad once she's able to write properly again and come and visit all of us.



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-19 01:15:15](#)

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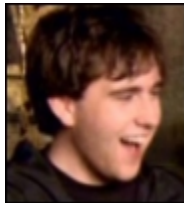
I did pretty well. Better than I had hoped, really. I got only one O, but it's in Herbology, which made me happy. I can go on for NEWTs in Charms, Defence, Herbology and Potions, and I'm going to apply for forbearance in Transfiguration and Care of Magical Creatures and see if the professors will let me in.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-19 01:25:28](#)

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I take it your plant remained unsinged, then.



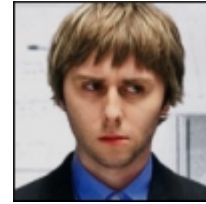
 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-19 01:36:54](#)

*(no subject)*

Singed plants can always be used for the compost heap. No waste there!

**2013-06-18 19:39:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good: Private Message to Dux*



 [alt\\_justin](#)

Hullo, Dux.

No chance you could come visit Remy, is there?

Probably not. *Merde Zut.*

I'm sure you've seen everyone chatting about their O.W.L.s.

I was ranked third. *Third*--I say, not that I'm upset at coming third, but--I've no idea how. It's all jolly well embarrassing. I got an 'O' on Noble Arts, as well. I was so certain I couldn't get better than an 'A'.

I'd been hoping to bow out after this year, what.


I'm sure he'll object if I don't stay.

Well. The Jugsons were so pleased they lifted their punishment and have allowed me to go out again starting tomorrow. So if you can't pay a visit here, I could come to see you, perhaps.

*Zut alors....*

-J



 [alt\\_justin](#) at **2013-06-19 15:21:58**  
(no subject)

Good morning.

Sorry, I've re-read this again and I see I was behaving like a massive whinger.

Shouldn't blame you in the slightest for telling me to bally well get hold of myself, what, it's not as if it's the worst fate ever to befall someone!

I know it'll be all right, one way or another.

But I say, not hearing from you is starting to worry me, what. Your

parents haven't gone and confiscated your journal, I hope.

I'm going to Laszlo's this afternoon, in any case. If I can't shake off Remy or Alfie then it'll just be tea. But if you could meet us that would be splendid.

-Justin

**2013-06-18 19:46:00**

*Order Only: Private message to Alice and Frank Longbottom*



Mum and Dad:

My OWLs scores came today. Here are my results:

 [alt\\_neville](#)

Astronomy: A  
Care of Magical Creatures: A  
Charms: E  
Dark Arts: A  
Defence: E  
Divination: A  
Herbology: O  
History of Magic: P (Um. Sorry.)  
Potions: E  
Transfiguration: A

I'm eligible right away to continue on for NEWTs in Charms, Defence, Herbology and Potions. The letter that came with the scores said that if you get an 'A' in either Care of Magical Creatures or Transfiguration, you can apply to the Professor be admitted into the NEWT class, and I reckon that I'll do that. I have a pretty good hunch that given who he is and his relation to the Order Professor Brutka will accept me, no question, and Professor Grubbly-Plank very well might, too. Which means I would have six NEWT classes, which seems like a manageable number.

There are several things I'm happy about: The O in Herbology, of course! And the E in Defence. Reckon that Dad's drills paid off there, and the work in Harry Marvolo's Defence study group. Of course I want to get really good in Defence, given that I've joined the Order and all. I was quite worried about Potions, and I imagine that I got that E by practically the skin of my teeth. But since I did, that means that my hopes of cultivating plants that can be used in medicinal potions and maybe going into a career related to that are still alive. Honestly, I'm not fussed at all about dropping Astronomy or Divination. I never cared about History of Magic. (I guess you can tell.) Dark Arts A is just about perfect: I can hold my head up so no one can sneer at the score ~~or make cracks about blood trait~~ but no one will question me not continuing on for a NEWT with Professor Dolohov. The less he notices me the happier I am.

The thing I'm not so happy about is my class rank. I'm number twenty-five, and I think we have about thirty-four or thirty-five in our class or so? Can't remember exactly. (I'm sorry and a little embarrassed...I hope you're not too disappointed. Gran was rather sniffy about it, I'm afraid.)

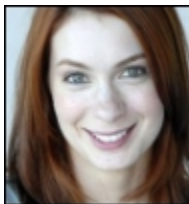
I'm still getting word about how the rest of the Institute did. Guess Sally-Anne Perks was quite high up there, according to Pansy, but haven't heard her exact scores.

Evelyn says hello, although I see she wrote you recently, too. It's nice being back with Gran, even if she put me to work right away with garden chores. She seems to be doing well, although her arthritis is acting up a bit.

Neville

(P.S. And it's brilliant that I can tell you about this through the journals rather than having to send an owl through intermediaries.)

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 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-19 01:18:44](#)

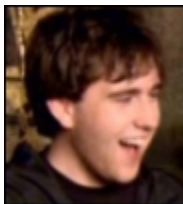
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Oh, well done, love.

Very well done.

That's a very reasonable set of marks.

And remember what we've always said -- yes, exam scores can help open doors, but what really matters is how you take the knowledge you have and put it to use for a good purpose. You've opened several doors today, and there's quite a bit that's worth learning that you'll get a chance to pick up before you leave school. And that's more important than class rank any day.



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-19 01:27:38](#)

*(no subject)*

Thanks, Mum.





 **alt\_frank** at [2013-06-19 01:21:04](#)  
(no subject)

good job, kiddo.

I scraped by my potions OWL by the skin of my teeth too.

keep up the good work, yeah?

and the old man will take you on in transfiguration if you ask him. I think it's worth it.

and we're in agreement about dolohov too.

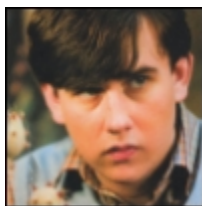



 **alt\_frank** at [2013-06-19 01:23:11](#)  
(no subject)

and yeah, evie talked to us a bit about visiting moddey. we're going to see what we can do after solstice. she also talked about ireland.

I think she'll be just fine, but make sure you treat her well, yeah?

and how are you doing, with everything?



 **alt\_neville** at [2013-06-19 01:53:49](#)  
(no subject)

I'm glad she asked about Moddey. I was almost afraid to ask because I'm so eager to see it.

Yeah, we talked about Ireland, and I think she's doing a bit better about it all.

For me, the toughest thing reading back has been learning more first hand about what Seamus had to do. I mean, I knew the bare bones of it, since he woke up from that nightmare in January and told me a little. I know you told me at Easter when we talked about it that I made the best decision I could have at the time, going to Professor Dolohov to try to help him.

But reading Bill Weasley's account of the rite...ugh. It just made me feel even guiltier.



 **alt\_frank** at [2013-06-19 02:07:55](#)  
(no subject)

trust me when I say that it wasn't your call, son.

what happened was horrible. no mistaking that. but it's all wrapped up in wards and blood ceremonies, and what it comes down to is that they were using Seamus's family. and it wasn't anything he did to deserve it, or anything you did to make it happen. they needed his family's blood and they took it.

because that's what they do. they use people. they walk over whoever stands in their way, and don't care how many people they hurt in the process.

and who knows. maybe replacing him with his mum and making him kill her instead was their idea of mercy. but it isn't mine, or yours, and it never will be.

there are things in this life that will eat you up from the inside if you let them. and I get it if you feel guilty about it. believe me.

but it wasn't your fault.



 **alt\_neville** at [2013-06-19 03:09:26](#)  
*Private Message to Frank Longbottom*

There's another thing. I guess what scares me the most. Um, making this private just to you. Hope Mum won't mind.

I keep going over it and over it in my mind, thinking I could never do what Seamus did. But deep down, I'm afraid that....

Oh, hell. We've never talked about it. But I'm in the Order now, and reading back over those journals I reckon that means sometimes facing up to ugly things.

Look. It's this. I hope with all my heart that you and Mum never never NEVER get captured. But if you ever were, I could see--oh, bugger.

I could see how they would try to use that. I could see them tying one of you or both of you to a stone like that and then ordering me to prove that I'm not a blood traitor.

Dad. I just couldn't do it. At least I tell myself I couldn't do it, I couldn't. I'd die first. I mean, I know what Mum's boggart is.

But you know what mine is, too. That I could betray you. Maybe I thought earlier that betraying you was me being something stupid and slipping and you getting caught as a result. But now I think even more awful would be being put in the position that Seamus was put in: once you're caught, to realise '*it's either them or me.*'

It's giving me bloody nightmares.

I wouldn't. I wouldn't. But there's a part of me, deep down inside that's afraid I might break if I were put in that position. Am I a Gryffindor enough to do the right thing? To refuse, and let myself be killed instead of you? But of course, sacrificing myself like that wouldn't do any good; they'd probably end up killing all of us. Including Evelyn.

Just...

just don't get caught, okay?



 **[alt\\_frank](#) at 2013-06-19 03:27:48**

*Re: Private Message to Frank Longbottom*

hey.

I play the what if game all the time. keeps me up nights too.

and learning more about what the order does, what we do, I can see how that'd make it more real. the risk we're in. the price we might have to pay.

I can't promise that we'll never be in that kind of danger. hell. I came close in ireland. really close.

but I can promise that I'll try as hard as I can. when I'm out there, you'd better believe that what keeps me careful is you. and your mum isn't out in the field if we can help it now that she's in charge.

I'd do anything to keep you from that.


everything.

and in the meantime, we can work on things. like we can make sure that no matter what, you'll have a safe place to go, and a way to get there fast, and so does evie. and that'll help.

and now you're on here, you can see if something's happening right away, and be prepared. so there's that too.

we'll get through this, son.



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-19 03:29:12](#)  
*Re: Private Message to Frank Longbottom*

I'll try to hang on to that, Dad. That helps.

We'll get through.

**2013-06-18 23:36:00**

*(no subject)*

MC here. Heard from all 1/2bloods except SA, MB and EM. No worries. 2-3 deciding whether to go on but no one headed to campville. SA, U OK?



 **alt\_galleon**

**2013-06-18 23:43:00**

*(no subject)*

Talked to SA today. She aced them. Daphs,  
what's the news on Milli?

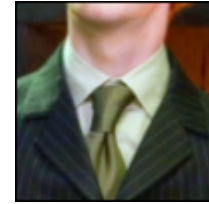


 **alt\_galleon**

**[2013-06-20 19:02:00](#)**

*Private message to Bill Weasley*

I assume you've heard about Ronald's scores? On the whole, he did rather well, didn't he?

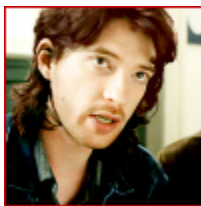


 **[alt\\_percy](#)**

Well, neither you nor I had a 'P' of course, but still...it could have been much worse. Ron has never impressed me as being particularly devoted to his studies, and so I was pleasantly surprised that he achieved as many 'E's as he did. And an 'O' in Defence! I was also particularly pleased to hear of his 'E' in Dark Arts. It's excellent that he'll be allowed to continue, and good thing, too: he is truly fortunate to have the opportunity to study under someone like Professor Dolohov.

I wonder when the twins will get their scores? They sounded as though they took their NEWTs rather more seriously than they took their OWLs. Nice to see them settling down and getting serious about things.

Have you heard anything about their plans for the summer? I'm trying to think of what we might do to help open up opportunities for them at the Ministry. Surely between the two of us, we should be able to identify a couple of open positions for them which would be a good fit.



 **[alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-21 01:42:26](#)**


*(no subject)*

Oh, yes, I've heard all about Ron's scores, and Mum and Ginny cooked up a feast for us on Tuesday night to celebrate. Mum's pretty pleased with how he did, although I think she would prefer it if Ron didn't continue on in Dark Arts. I suppose since she and Dad didn't even have the option of taking that class when they went to Hogwarts, she doesn't quite see the point. I don't think that Ron's quite made up his mind which classes he'll go on in. He has time to think about it of course--he doesn't have to report to the school the subjects he intends to read for NEWTs until July 1.

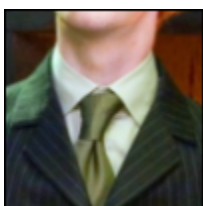
Fred and George have been talking with Mum about their idea of setting up a business. They've mentioned, however, a chance they have to do a one-week internship with someone this summer. I don't know the details, but apparently it's an entrepreneur who wants to


explore the practical applications of some of the stuff they've been experimenting with this spring.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-21 01:43:06](#)  
(no subject)

I really don't think they have any interest in working for the Ministry, by the way. So better not get your hopes up.




 [alt\\_percy](#) at [2013-06-21 01:49:27](#)  
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An internship? Really?!

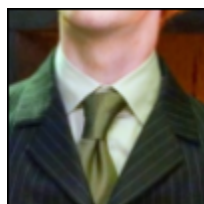
I must say I'm surprised. What responsible business person would be interested in the kinds of nonsense those two get up to? You know how Mum has fussed about the senselessness of their interests for years.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-21 01:54:54](#)  
(no subject)

Have you really looked at their products? Because they really are impressive, and they demonstrate that the boys have a rather sophisticated facility with Transfiguration and Charms. I suppose that's what caught this entrepreneur's eye.

Mum is warming up to the idea of their business plan. It helps that they've proven there is a market: they had a lot of interested customers among their classmates at Hogwarts.




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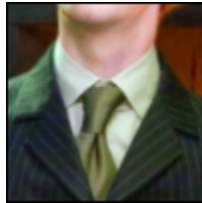
It's hard to imagine Mum mustering up any enthusiasm about the whole thing, after all her complaints about the explosions from their room.






 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-21 02:27:25](#)**  
(no subject)


Well, she's trying to develop a new mindset, what with this idea of hers of fostering new businesses and all. She's talked to you about it, hasn't she?



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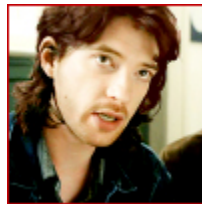
Yes, she has. It's interesting. Not the sort of thing I'd ever imagined her doing.




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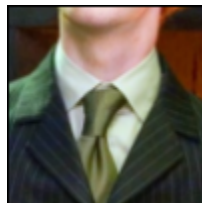
Yeah, well, she has a lot of energy to spare, now that they've taken her off of the administration duties for the barter network.


I suppose that Dad's death has shaken things up a bit, too. With her need for an income, she's had to consider a whole range of things that she never would have explored before.



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-21 02:31:47](#)**  
(no subject)

How'd Draco Malfoy do on his OWLs, by the way? Has Mr Malfoy said?



 **[alt\\_percy](#)** at **[2013-06-21 03:08:26](#)**  
(no subject)

Oh, quite well indeed. He was one of the top students, I understand. Third or fourth or so in his class, I believe? Mr Malfoy is rather pleased on the whole, although of course he has high expectations for his son. Perhaps he harboured a hope that Draco would come in first.

**2013-06-20 22:31:00**

*Order Only: We're off*

Right.


Two boats, one letter, six of us, 18 civilians and Aleks' payment.

Wish us luck.




 [alt\\_sirius](#)



 [alt\\_alice](#) at **2013-06-21 01:37:09**  
(no subject)


Godspeed and steer true, love.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at **2013-06-21 01:39:09**  
(no subject)


No fear, Allie. This is the fun stuff, after all.



 [alt\\_frank](#) at **2013-06-21 01:42:31**  
(no subject)

you say that now, but some of em are already looking green about the face.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at **2013-06-21 01:44:54**  
(no subject)

Isn't that why Stephen brewed all those seasickness potions?

Oh.

Bloody Erebus. He's got them on the *Tide Turner*, hasn't he?



 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at [2013-06-21 01:45:52](#)  
(no subject)

We've already resorted to them here, yeah.


This sea's more than a little choppy. And these people aren't used to it.



 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at [2013-06-21 01:46:54](#)  
(no subject)

If you have any of that ginger with you that you carry for apparition sickness, you can try giving them that. Better than nothing.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-21 01:48:07](#)  
(no subject)

Yeah. Still, note for next time we take both ships: Divide the potion boxes.

I'll see what I've got on me - I think on the whole I'm developing a sensitivity to ginger.




 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-21 02:41:16](#)  
(no subject)

merlin.

I think that one bloke has vommed up everything he's eaten in the last week and then some.

at least the ginger is helping the rest of them a bit.



 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-21 02:56:42](#)  
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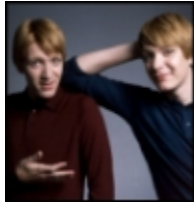
...apparently not everything.

it's the gift that keeps on giving.



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-21 02:59:04](#)  
(no subject)


Good luck, Dad, and all of the rest of you.



 [alt\\_gredforge](#) at [2013-06-21 03:02:25](#)  
(no subject)

If we'd thought of it, we'd have given you a stash of the antidote candies to our *Puking Pastilles*. They working great at stopping vomming.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-21 03:03:50](#)  
(no subject)

'Puking Pastilles'?



 [alt\\_gredforge](#) at [2013-06-21 03:05:09](#)  
(no subject)

One of our most popular products!




 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-21 03:23:46](#)  
(no subject)

And it's been thoroughly tested, thanks to Operation Mayhem.


I still can't believe you got that whole classroom of firsties to puke on command.



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-21 01:58:25](#)**  
(no subject)

I hope Beth's group has a safe crossing to Norway as well. We'll have to compare notes after.



 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-21 01:38:02](#)**  
*Private Message to Moony*


Should be back around noon. Don't worry.



 **[alt\\_hermione](#)** at **[2013-06-21 01:50:46](#)**  
(no subject)

Good luck!




 **[alt\\_justin](#)** at **[2013-06-21 01:52:02](#)**  
(no subject)

Good luck, everyone, and Sirius, thank you again.


-Justin



 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-21 01:53:14](#)**  
(no subject)

No worries, kiddo.



 **[alt\\_terry](#)** at **[2013-06-21 01:56:49](#)**  
(no subject)

We'll have fun waiting on the shore for you to return. It's a nice night to spend out on the beach.

Good luck! We're excited to have you bring back some wands.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-21 01:59:10](#)  
(no subject)


I suppose it's as good a reason for a holiday as any.



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-21 02:38:52](#)  
(no subject)

Stay safe, all of you!



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-21 02:40:10](#)  
(no subject)

Good luck! I'll be keeping an eye on my journal tonight, waiting to hear how it goes.

**2013-06-20 23:05:00**

*Private message to Brundage and Ekster*

Wands up. Need two teams: chart course ENE from Hull, one for Stavanger and the other for Bergen.

Ward breach. Will fill in with more as available.



 [alt\\_bellatrix](#)

**2013-06-20 23:55:00**

*Private Message to Raz*

Hi.


How's Spencer?

I was thinking maybe we could go flying sometime or something. Just to get outside for a bit. If you're not busy, you know, being married and everything.



 [alt\\_harry](#)




 [alt\\_rabastan](#) at **2013-06-21 04:03:56**  
(no subject)

Dusty. Well, in theory. We're going to change some things around, shift some of the rooms into a duelling space, make some rearrangements to the library, that sort of thing. Rory wants you kids to come over as often as you ~~need to~~ like- same with me.

My schedule is a little different now, but I'm always good for a fly. When are you thinking?



 [alt\\_harry](#) at **2013-06-21 04:08:15**  
(no subject)

Um.

Soon?

I mean, Buckingham is

Buckingham. You know?

I can help move things maybe. The duelling thing sounds really ace.





 [alt\\_rabastan](#) at [2013-06-21 04:09:22](#)  
(no subject)

Right. Nothing's wrong over there, is it? More so than usual, I mean.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-21 04:14:54](#)  
(no subject)

I just see Him at dinner. Sometimes. I think he's forgotten I'm around. And I guess that's okay.

It's just really


It's really weird.

After what He wanted me to do to Madame Umbridge, and then the thing

with Mr Selwyn

it's just sort of like I don't know why He decided to keep me around in the first place.



 [alt\\_rabastan](#) at [2013-06-21 04:17:41](#)  
(no subject)

No one knows why He does a lot of the things that He does.

Can you get away to stay with Draco? Or you're welcome here anytime, too.




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-21 04:22:10](#)  
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I think He needed a warm body just in case, and I was there.

I mean

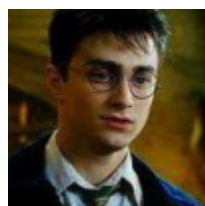
It's not like He needs someone to take over the family business after he dies or something.




 **alt\_rabastan** at [2013-06-21 04:26:00](#)  
(no subject)

What do you mean, needed a warm body?

Has that anything to do with the conversation you had with Professor Dolohov?



 **alt\_harry** at [2013-06-21 04:33:27](#)  
(no subject)

He didn't tell me much of anything.

I just thought

Well, okay, last time he tried to make me kill someone. And hold an object that was special. And Professor Dolohov said that's what happens when you're trying to save a bit of your soul.


That's what He did, wasn't it?

Only Professor Dolohov really didn't say how it works, really. Or how you come back after. And I guess I figured He had me there this time for a reason. And that's the only one I could really come up with.

Insurance.

Because that's what I am, isn't it?



 **alt\_rabastan** at [2013-06-21 04:36:55](#)  
(no subject)

No, that isn't what you are.

And none of us knew why you were there at the time, know that, first and foremost.

But now that we've discussed it, Tosha and I...Yes, we think

it's possible that you were going to be His backup plan, had the ritual gone awry.

I wouldn't have let that happen. Not while I was still alive, anyway.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-21 04:43:12](#)  
(no subject)


Oh. Really? You'd

That's

That's good to know.

I mean I figured out the backup plan part but I didn't know if you knew or not.



 [alt\\_rabastan](#) at [2013-06-21 04:45:26](#)  
(no subject)

It's like I told you- no one is really in on His plans, not the ones that He prizes most.

I can see why you'd think we were, though.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-21 04:48:47](#)  
(no subject)

Yeah.

Well.

If you find out about stuff like what he wanted me to do to Umbridge, you know, I'd like to know about it.

Before it gets the way it got this term.

You know. If you can.



 [alt\\_rabastan](#) at [2013-06-21 04:53:13](#)  
(no subject)

Yes, I know you would.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-21 04:58:57](#)  
(no subject)

You're damn right I would.

If you know I'm supposed to kill someone, and that's the only reason why that someone is allowed to stick around and nearly destroy the bloody school and send two of my classmates to their deaths, I want to know about it.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-21 05:04:00](#)  
(no subject)


Sorry.

Sorry.

It's just messed up.

Really messed up.



 [alt\\_rabastan](#) at [2013-06-21 05:04:30](#)  
(no subject)

And if you had known, what would you have done.

Killed her sooner?



 **[alt\\_harry](#)** at **[2013-06-21 05:07:30](#)**  
*(no subject)*


I would have known what was expected of me.

I would have sorted out what I could do about it.

And yeah, maybe I would have killed her sooner. Or sorted out another way to take out her teeth.

I thought when you said that I had leniency, He wanted me to show a bit of backbone.




 **[alt\\_rabastan](#)** at **[2013-06-21 05:17:03](#)**  
*(no subject)*

Harry, I get your point.

But if you spend all your days thinking about what you could have done, if only you'd known this, or had that... you'll make yourself mad.

I'm not in the habit of sending kids off to kill, and I'm not about to start, and I'm not going to apologise for it.



 **[alt\\_harry](#)** at **[2013-06-21 06:58:43](#)**  
*(no subject)*

Okay.

I know you want to keep me safe.

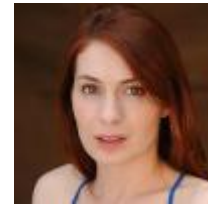
But there's a difference between keeping me safe and keeping me from knowing stuff. Even if maybe I can't do a lot about it.

If it comes down to it, I'd rather know about what's going on than not. That's all, I guess.

**2013-06-21 01:23:00**

*ORDER ONLY*

It appears as though the wards are not coming down.

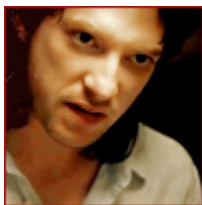



Kingsley, Frank, Sirius, please stay safe and keep us posted.

 [alt\\_alice](#)

There are some other people trying to get out -- Beth's group, taking the North Sea to Norway. If they're trapped, we've got to see what we can do to help.

Is anyone on hand to grab a broom and rendezvous with Caradoc and Dorcas at Hull to provide them some help?



 [alt\\_bill](#) at **2013-06-21 05:30:02**

*(no subject)*

Right.

On my way.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at **2013-06-21 05:31:16**

*(no subject)*

There will be MLE on site, so watch your head.

Your goal isn't to get into a firefight. Just see if you can get as many people out of there as you can.

And if you can't do it safely, don't do it.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at **2013-06-21 05:33:09**

*(no subject)*


Allie,

I've signalled Aleks. We've put all our passengers on the *Tide Turner* and Kingsley's going to head back for Pembroke full speed.

Frank and I will punch through, trigger another breach here. Maybe

that'll draw MLE off of Beth's people. Plus we'll have enough time to take a quick handoff - just the wands, really - before we make a run for it, too.



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-21 05:40:43](#)**

*(no subject)*

Merlin, Sirius.

Yes. That's what I would do.

Stay safe. Both of you.



 **[alt\\_nymphadora](#)** at **[2013-06-21 05:35:22](#)**

*(no subject)*

Alice,

I'm on my way, too. I'll call it a long lunch.



 **[alt\\_charlie](#)** at **[2013-06-21 05:38:38](#)**

*(no subject)*

I've got late shift tomorrow, so nobody should notice if I stay out a bit late. I'll be right there.

**2013-06-21 01:41:00**

*Private Message to Mulciber and  
Truncheon*



Wake up.

Incident. North Sea. Attempted escape.

 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#)

Returning to MLE. One survivor, appears to  
be muggle. Should be quick work to process.

Second breach detected; BL went to clean that up. May have another  
prize for you later.



**2013-06-21 01:47:00**

*ORDER ONLY*

the bloody thing isn't moving a fucking inch

we've been taking turns

its not working


damn it to hell, I can see aleks. his boat is right beside us.

we're pulling out.



 [alt\\_frank](#)



 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at **2013-06-21 05:51:08**

*(no subject)*

I know you're disappointed, my friends.

Remember to cast a disillusionment on the ship so that MLE cannot find you.

Stay safe.



 [alt\\_frank](#) at **2013-06-21 05:55:56**

*(no subject)*

right.

have done.

making all speed.

you catch any heat yet?



 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at **2013-06-21 05:57:17**

*(no subject)*

The skies are clear so far. I think our head start helped a great deal.

And you?

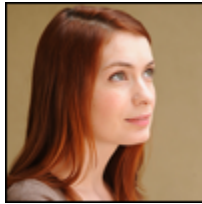



 **alt\_frank** at [2013-06-21 06:00:22](#)  
(no subject)

hard to tell

dark

doesn't look like there's anyone




 **alt\_alice** at [2013-06-21 06:02:44](#)  
(no subject)

Be careful of being tracked. Both of you. I don't want to lead anyone straight to Sherwood.

I'd rather not lose either boat, but everyone back in one piece is vastly preferable. If you've got to abandon them to get away, please, do it.



 **alt\_frank** at [2013-06-21 06:26:39](#)  
(no subject)

he was bringing us thirty-one wands.

it'll take melli over a year to get close to that, even if she did have all the materials on hand.

and if we can't get people out at solstice any more

and there's the supplies for Lazslo's and moddey -- the extra food, the potions ingredients

damn.

just damn.




 **[alt\\_frank](#)** at **[2013-06-21 06:07:21](#)**  
(no subject)

sorry.

sorry about that.




 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-21 06:30:26](#)**  
(no subject)

I've sent word to Sherwood, along with some extra food.

They'll be able to stay there for a few days until we sort out something a bit more permanent.



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-21 06:47:13](#)**  
(no subject)

Are you nearly back, love?



 **[alt\\_frank](#)** at **[2013-06-21 06:48:02](#)**  
(no subject)

another hour or so.

still quiet.

we'll be careful.



 **[alt\\_frank](#)** at **[2013-06-21 07:43:26](#)**  
(no subject)


back in one piece.

covered our tracks best we could and hid the boat. apparated to sherwood just in case.

looks like everyone else made it here okay.


I'm headed your way, al. be there in a few.



 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-21 07:44:19](#)**  
(no subject)


Thank Merlin for that.



 **[alt\\_evelyn](#)** at **[2013-06-21 13:47:50](#)**  
*Private Message to Frank Longbottom*

Dad?




 **[alt\\_frank](#)** at **[2013-06-21 13:48:11](#)**  
*Re: Private Message to Frank Longbottom*

right here.

safe as houses.




 **[alt\\_evelyn](#)** at **[2013-06-21 13:48:40](#)**  
*Re: Private Message to Frank Longbottom*

Good.

I love you.



 **[alt\\_frank](#)** at **[2013-06-21 13:49:22](#)**  
*Re: Private Message to Frank Longbottom*

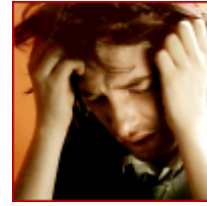
love you too, evie.

**2013-06-21 03:07:00**

*ORDER ONLY*

We got there too late to do much.

It took us a while to fly out to where they were, and we barely avoided running right into the last few MLE who were headed back to shore. At least I don't think they saw us. No-one turned around to pursue, so there's that. We searched around for a bit and managed to pull three survivors out of the sea. I found one hiding under some wreckage, Tonks and Charlie found another half-drowned who'd drifted away in the firefight, and Caradoc picked up the last one. We barely made it back to shore with the extra weight, but we made it.



 [alt\\_bill](#)

They're all in pretty rough shape, but from what we can gather, MLE sank the boat and then tried to get as many prisoners out of the water as they could. One of the wizards who was accompanying them managed to Apparate away, and the other was killed trying to hold them off. There were also quite a few who drowned. They're a little unclear about how many people were on the boat, but it was over twenty.

Merlin.

We're giving them a minute or two to rest up before we head to Sherwood.



 [alt\\_charlie](#) at [2013-06-21 06:30:57](#)  
(no subject)


That was

Yeah. Twenty people, gone, just like that. And

I don't know. The way those poor people in the water looked. And the way MLE just kept going after them. They weren't really trying to capture people. They just wanted to kill.

~~I hope to Merlin MLE really didn't see us~~




 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-21 06:45:17](#)**  
(no subject)

How awful.

I know it doesn't seem like it right now, but directly engaging MLE over open sea would've been potentially disastrous, and if you were fighting them, you wouldn't have had the ability to rescue anyone.

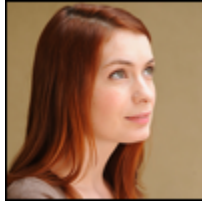
You did a good thing tonight. Thank you.




 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-21 09:04:28](#)**  
(no subject)

Alice. I'm sorry. So sorry. But I'm glad we could save a few. I think the escort who got away might have managed one or two more with side along.

What the hell happened? WHY DIDN'T THE WARDS GO DOWN?



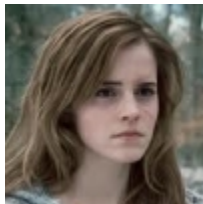
 **[alt\\_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-21 15:48:38](#)**  
(no subject)

I don't know.

I'm going to see if Cecelia has any ideas. They might have put the Octoboros field into effect.

Remember how the dragons reacted when Voldemort had been killed, but the wards stayed up?

Maybe the Octoboros is why. And it could all be linked up with the ceremony Harry was privy to as well.



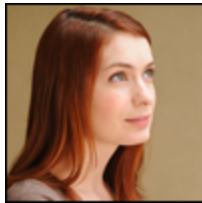
 **[alt\\_hermione](#)** at **[2013-06-22 03:46:00](#)**  
(no subject)


I think it was both, too, but particularly the ritual.

The part where Mr Mulciber--where he made the man Sirius said was the king lie down and then he--well, that part. He said 'Heart of the conquered, taken by

right.' And when they needed to strengthen the control they have over Ireland, they made Finnigan kill his mother. She's not the same kind of royalty but she did have ties to the wizarding families that have held Ireland for centuries. I looked her family up in *Pureblood*, *Royal Blood* (it's a book I found in Sirius' library over Easter. I only just had the chance to look at it.

I think that Octoboros thing is probably some sort of signal amplifier, and that might be why the wards couldn't be penetrated, too.




 **[alt\\_alice](#) at 2013-06-22 19:39:24**  
(no subject)

That makes a great deal of sense.

So it's a dual problem, then. Taking out the Octoboros might make it possible to break through, but we've still got no guarantees it'll go down during solstice even then.



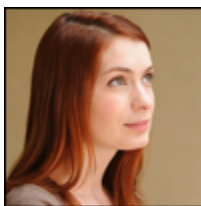
 **[alt\\_sirius](#) at 2013-06-21 11:47:20**  
(no subject)


I'm home.

Just had an owl from Beth. Her operative (his name is apparently Jim) reported back in with one other survivor. They'd like to reunite with anyone we were able to retrieve, so they can decide what to do next.

I was thinking perhaps Aldrich. We can't foist them on Sherwood for the winter.

Bugger. Bugger Bugger Bugger.



 **[alt\\_alice](#) at 2013-06-21 15:48:57**  
(no subject)

Yes, that might be our best choice.

We'll have them apply to Aldrich.

| Thank Merlin we have that as an option.



**2013-06-21 04:33:00**

*I solemnly swear that I am up to no good*

The Moddey Dhoo people who went on the Solstice run are all safe, and the boats are okay. At least.



 [alt\\_terry](#)

Mr Longbottom's come back and he's reporting to Mrs Longbottom now.

I'm glad the little kids are still asleep. The adults are all pretty upset, and no wonder. Everyone was excited about getting the wands, but the news from the North Sea...that's even worse.

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 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at **2013-06-21 13:46:28**  
(no subject)


Thanks for letting us know, Terry.

It looked like things were going to be okay for our boats but it's still really good to know for sure.

And with the wards not going down when they should...

Well. It sort of makes one feel a bit trapped, doesn't it?




 [alt\\_evelyn](#) at **2013-06-21 14:44:13**  
*Private Message to Terry Boot*

I didn't want to write during everything only because it seemed like everyone was very, very busy and I thought it'd be best to not make Dad think I was worried on top of everything else he had to deal with, but still.

It really does help to know you've seen him. In person. So thank you. Have you had a chance to talk to him?



 [alt\\_terry](#) at **2013-06-21 23:00:11**  
*Re: Private Message to Terry Boot*


I haven't talked with him, no. When stuff like this happens, what I usually do is transform into the Professor and just keep him company in that form.

Doesn't involve talking, but I think it helps him as much as anything. At any rate, he spent a lot of times scritchng my ears this afternoon as he and your mum were talking over what happened with various people.

It's all been a shock, but the two of them, him and your Mum, seem to be handling it all right. As near as I can tell.


I think they are very relieved that the leader of that group, Beth, wasn't one of the ones killed. She's the one they know best.



 **[alt\\_neville](#)** at **[2013-06-21 22:54:18](#)**  
*(no subject)*

Yeah, thanks for letting us know.



 **[alt\\_neville](#)** at **[2013-06-21 22:55:11](#)**  
*Private message to Terry Boot*

It's really different. To go from wondering what's going on and having no idea, to knowing what's going on and having your heart in your throat.

I'm almost glad that I was asleep while this was happening.



 **[alt\\_justin](#)** at **[2013-06-22 04:07:46](#)**  
*(no subject)*

Hello, Terry,

Yes, it was well disturbing, reading about it. I fell asleep waiting to see any report in the journals and then this morning, to read that the mission had failed.... I say, we've simply got to do something to help make up for the loss.

-Justin

**2013-06-21 04:55:00**

*Order Only*

Something's wrong.

Kingsley, can you feel it?

I can see Aleks but ... it should be down by now.  
The barrier.

Frank's going round to come about again.

It should be open by now.



 [alt\\_sirius](#)



 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at **2013-06-21 05:00:41**  
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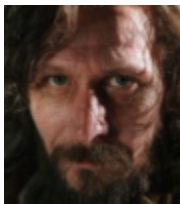
I can.


We'll hold our current position while you give it  
another try.



 [alt\\_frank](#) at **2013-06-21 05:08:05**  
(no subject)

still nothing



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at **2013-06-21 05:11:34**  
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It should *definitely* be down by now. It's 10 past.

Should we abort?

I don't -

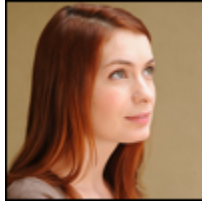
Those wands. These people.




 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at [2013-06-21 05:16:39](#)  
(no subject)

We should let Beth's people know about this, shouldn't we?


I can send off a Patronus to let her know.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-21 05:17:13](#)  
(no subject)

Yes, Kingsley, please do.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-21 05:18:15](#)  
(no subject)

You're thinking the same as we are - Already on it.

Your Patronus is better for distance but, well, you don't know Beth as well, either.

I hope they get it in time.



 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-21 05:21:04](#)  
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looks like she had the same idea

must've sent hers off before we sent off ours. that or she's damn close.

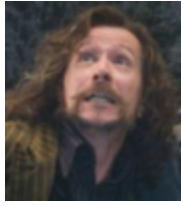


 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-21 05:22:08](#)  
(no subject)

bugger.

al.

beth's group is trapped. set off the wards. MLE have them pinned.



 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-21 05:24:27](#)**  
(no subject)

Bugger. No time. Kingsley, come about back to us.  
We need to put our passengers off the *Hopeful* and  
onto yours.

Frank and I have a plan.

**2013-06-21 23:53:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good: Private Message to Hydra (and Harry)*



I guess you're used to people saying nasty things about your mother.

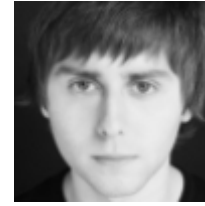
 **alt\_hermione**

But...is it all right if I ask whether you've seen her? Has she said anything about last night, or about the ritual, or anything? About why the wards didn't go down?

I'm sorry. I know you hate her but it must feel awful anyway.

**2013-06-22 00:07:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good*



Hullo, all,

Sorry to disturb but has anyone heard from Hydra?

 [alt\\_justin](#)

Hermione, I saw you wrote to her. Has she answered? I suppose she might be asleep, what.

Only I've sent her several messages over the past week and barely had a response. I shall ask the Order next only I don't wish to panic them if it turns out to be nothing.

But I had a horrid thought--well, one does worry and I had the most awful thought that perhaps her mother suspected something. I can't imagine we'd all be here if she'd found anything, what, but then again the Council did bide their time quite a while before turning on Mr Selwyn.

Well. Dux, if you're reading, please reply and tell me I'm a jolly well nervous girls' blouse for asking after you like this.

-Justin

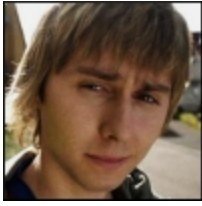



 [alt\\_draco](#) at **2013-06-22 04:16:44**

*(no subject)*

I haven't. Not from her parents, either. But I'm sure you saw her Mother's private message from last night, so she's apparently absorbed in doing the Lord's bidding, per usual.

Perhaps Uncle Rodolphus whisked her away to one of his artefact auctions. Seems like the sort of thing he might do.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-22 04:18:37](#)  
(no subject)


Draco,

Yes, but for days at a stretch? Without her journal?

Sorry but that doesn't sound likely. Does it?

-Justin




 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-22 04:20:40](#)  
(no subject)

I really couldn't say.

You haven't given her reason to be upset with you, have you?



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-22 04:24:24](#)  
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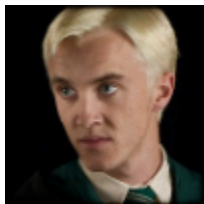
I should hope I haven't done, what?


At least, nothing of which I'm aware. Which I suppose might be a problem in itself, if you follow

me.

Perhaps she's been ill.

-Justin



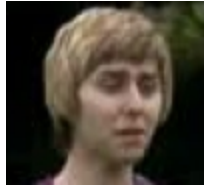
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(no subject)


Ill? Ill with what, exactly?

You didn't

Not with anything *you* gave her, I hope. For your own sake.





 **[alt\\_justin](#)** at **[2013-06-22 04:31:21](#)**  
(no subject)

Now, I say. There's no call for that sort of supposition.

I simply meant under the weather, what.

Nothing--I mean to say, that would--no. No, I'm sure that can't be the problem. Not problem, I mean--cause.

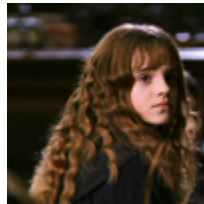
-Justin



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From the state of your writing I'd say you're not sure at all.

But you're probably right, it's certainly nothing that extreme. Her family's kept her busy, is what's most likely.




 **[alt\\_hermione](#)** at **[2013-06-22 04:36:53](#)**  
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Doesn't she have a little brother? Your cousin Rifle?

Maybe she's been minding him.

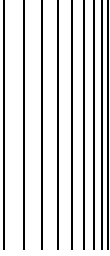


 **[alt\\_draco](#)** at **[2013-06-22 04:39:53](#)**  
(no subject)

Ah yes, Rifle. Jolly little lad.

He's got a nanny who never leaves his side, so I don't think Hydra would be needed as

minder.



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-22 04:42:37](#)  
(no subject)

Unless maybe they want to spend time together. Or maybe she volunteered so his nanny could take some time off.



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-22 04:32:53](#)  
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She hasn't replied, no.

But it *is* the middle of the night, after all.

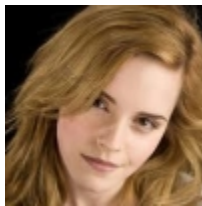
I'm sure she's fine, Justin. You should ask Tonks if they've talked because I know they were talking a few days ago.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-22 04:37:32](#)  
(no subject)

St. James Palace is just down the mall from Buckingham. Harry could go call on her tomorrow, if we still haven't heard from her.

It would probably be best if you didn't go with him, though.



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-22 04:40:09](#)  
(no subject)

I could go but I wouldn't go in. I don't want to be in Buckingham if Harry's not there.


But that's a good idea. We could go and see. Harry wanted to set up Tea Appreciation as a regular meeting, anyway, over the summer, so that we can all go to Grimmauld to practise Apparating and things.



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-22 04:40:52](#)  
(no subject)


I mean that would be the reason he's calling on Hydra, of course. To talk about Tea Appreciation.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-22 13:57:37](#)  
(no subject)

I can go, yeah



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-22 04:47:07](#)  
(no subject)

You don't want to be in Saint James Palace if Auntie Bella *is* there, though.

However, she isn't there too often. But one never knows.

I could floo in from the Manor. It's full of fresh flowers and we're eating amazing meals every night. I've never been so bored - this is what you lot have done to me.



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-22 04:51:56](#)  
(no subject)

You should come to Doughty Conduit and Laszlo's.

Actually, you should do. It would be brilliant. Being able to say that Lucius Malfoy's son pops round now and again would be excellent for them, if the Ministry ever decide to take an interest.



 **[alt\\_draco](#)** at **[2013-06-22 04:57:22](#)**  
(no subject)

Excellent for them, potentially not excellent for me.

Well, no matter. I mean, if you think it's a good idea.

As long as it gets me away from my parents for a while. They're being so attentive that it's making me ~~nerve~~ feel smothered.




 **[alt\\_hermione](#)** at **[2013-06-22 05:01:34](#)**  
(no subject)

Oh, but your being there is what would help keep the Ministry from wondering about them, don't you see?

And besides, from there you can go to Grimmauld and Mr Snape will be doing potions there and Sirius has this amazing library. It's a creepy sort of house but it's also rather brilliant.

You've met Bea, haven't you? She's another reason to go.



 **[alt\\_draco](#)** at **[2013-06-22 05:08:03](#)**  
(no subject)

No, I knew that's what you meant.

Hermione, you realise that Grimmauld is my old dead Auntie's house, don't you? I've been there before, and I always hated it because it smelled of cabbage and something else horrid - ear wax, maybe. And then there was Auntie Walburga herself... not much of a charmer, you know. It's almost hilarious to think of blood traitors and the like, conducting their business in the Great and Noble House of Black. She must be rolling in her grave, or rattling in her portrait.

Yeah, I think I've got to see that.



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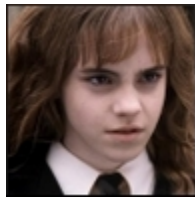
She does sort of scream in her portrait sometimes.

They're not--we're not blood traitors. Blood doesn't matter. Magic does.



 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-22 05:12:42](#)  
(no subject)

Would I be here if I thought that blood mattered?




 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-22 05:17:33](#)  
(no subject)

You're not here because you believe that. You're here because you're looking out for Harry, and you look out for Harry to look out for yourself.

If you really thought it didn't matter, you'd see how we're not traitors to anything, least of all pureblood supremacy.




 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-22 05:22:37](#)  
(no subject)

Bloody nightshade. Right. I get it. My reasons, my motivations, will never be right, even if my very presence will serve you well and keep the Ministry off your back.

So happy to be of service.

If you weren't so bloody *literal* you'd recognise that I was evoking old Auntie Walburga's words in an utterly ironic context.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-22 05:32:32](#)  
(no subject)

All right, you two,

Sorry to disturb. I think everyone's feeling a bit of strain, with all that's been happening.

Hermione, Draco's quite right to feel that he's betraying his family's precepts, what. In a literal way, he has turned away from their beliefs. But that's the whole point, what? That's the reason we're bally well using this lock and the Galleons and all of it.

And Draco, I can jolly well see why Hermione didn't understand your joke.

It's really quite late. I think perhaps it's time for you both to say goodnight, what, and reexamine this conversation in the morning?

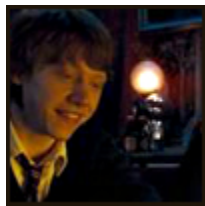
-Justin




 [alt\\_draco](#) at [2013-06-22 05:35:25](#)  
(no subject)

I solemnly swear to never joke again. Unless it involves puking pastilles or something else appropriately juvenile.

Sleep well, one and all.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-22 08:46:53](#)  
(no subject)

Heh. That's actually hilarious.

Cheers, Malfoy.




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-22 16:38:58](#)  
(no subject)

Okay. So. I went there and the house elf wouldn't let me in. She said that her missus was busy, and didn't want to be disturbed.


Sorry.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-22 16:39:43](#)  
(no subject)


Did she seem like she was scared? Or nervous? Or hiding something?



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-22 16:40:14](#)  
(no subject)


The house elf?



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-22 16:40:58](#)  
(no subject)

No. Hydra. Of course I meant the house elf, Harry.




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-22 16:42:37](#)  
(no subject)

Oh.

Yeah.

She was annoyed? Mostly? And a bit scared, but I couldn't tell if it was because of me or because of who she works for.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-22 20:49:33](#)  
(no subject)

I see.

Thank you, Harry, for making the attempt.

-Justin



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 22:11:00](#)  
*Private message to Justin*

By the way, I wanted to thank you for the fruit basket. My father and I both enjoyed the pears and the blackberries. He's not very good at getting things to grow, so I was worried about how he might be faring with my mum gone. But he's been doing alright with work, actually. Still, he eats a lot of beans out of tins, you know? Fresh pears were a nice treat.



**2013-06-22 08:45:00**

*Order Only: Private Message to Ms Tonks*

Good morning,

Sorry to disturb. I hope you're well and that the disappointment of yesterday's early-morning rescue hasn't dampened spirits too terribly at Grimmauld.



 [alt\\_justin](#)

I wonder if you might have heard from Hydra these last few days? I say, I've written to her at least twice and invited her to come Wednesday when I visited but she's not replied at all.

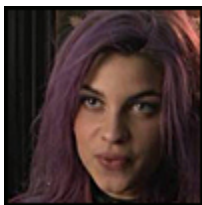
I don't wish to alarm anyone about it. It's possible her father has taken her somewhere for a holiday or even that her mother imagined some slight, what, and has prohibited her using her journal for a while. But it's unlike her to go days without getting me some sort of message, if you follow me.

If you've heard from her since Monday or thereabout, I say, could you let me know? I'd be most grateful, what.

-Justin

P.S. Please tell Sirius--I expect he might be blaming himself somehow for the wards, or feeling guilty my letter couldn't be handed to his friend on the other side. If he has been, please tell him, I quite understand. Thank you both for taking the trouble to try.

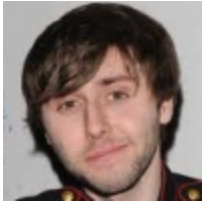
-JFF




 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at **2013-06-22 20:11:28**  
(no subject)

I heard promptly when I wrote to her, but that was just after you'd all got home from school.

I'm sorry I can't tell you any more. Should we be worried, do you think?



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-22 20:58:47](#)  
(no subject)

Thank you.


I'm not certain if it's worrisome or not, what. Harry tried to pay a call this afternoon but the house-elf turned him away. But that was due to Auror Lestrange's orders, not because of Hydra.

On the other hand, there's always the slight possibility that Auror Lestrange discovered something about Hydra that she finds...unacceptable, what, and has taken her journal for some period.

The question then would be what she's discovered and how grave it might be. But I'm sure it's nothing like that, what. It's not been a whole week yet, either.

-Justin



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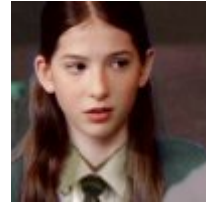
I'm afraid I think you could be right about her mother taking her journal.

I doubt it's anything dire, though, if you're thinking that she could have discovered something about all of us. At least, it doesn't do much good to worry about that yet, since we can't do a thing about it--and it's much more likely it's about something completely ordinary that her mum's gone and taken a strict view against. If you see what I mean.

Still, we're keeping an ear out for Aurors at the door. Though that's nothing new. We always do, really.

**2013-06-22 21:09:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*



Hi.

I'm back at the Strettons.

 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)

Things went okay with my father. He did go through my trunk when he thought I was asleep. I thought maybe he was going to steal my galleons I'd saved, but he just looked at everything and then put it all back where he'd found it.

He didn't drink much.

Oh, and I got my OWL letter. I was fifth in our class, the letter didn't say who came in ahead of me. I didn't fail anything, I had As in History of Magic and Dark Arts. ~~If I'd only got something else on my practical I think~~ The letter says I'm not eligible to go on in either but Professor Dolohov told me he'd take me regardless of my mark on the OWL.

I got Os in Potions, Transfiguration, and Charms, so that's brilliant, because those are the three I MOST needed to go on in. Also Os in Care of Magical Creatures, Runes, and Astronomy. Es in Herbology and Defence. I didn't revise in Herbology as much as I could have because I was so worried about Potions, but at least I didn't set anything on fire on the practical. I mixed up two plants on the written, I think, that's why I didn't get an O on that one.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-23 02:29:20**  
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And Harry I really think you should try again to visit Hydra. Doesn't Auror Lestrangle want you to marry Hydra? Surely if you're insistent you'll be able to get in and see her.



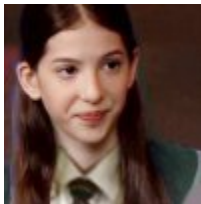
 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-23 03:09:26](#)  
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You were ranked fifth?

But we thought.... We were revising so much toward the end. I was sure you were third.

Padma, Linus, ??, Draco, you. It must have been another Ravenclaw. Su Li or MacDougal or Dunstan.

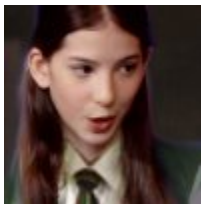
You don't think it was Michael, do you?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 03:13:18](#)  
(no subject)

I doubt it was Michael. He's clever but I can't see him outscoring Draco.

I might have got third if I'd done better in Dark Arts. I would have had an O if the practical had been different.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 03:14:56](#)  
(no subject)

Or if I'd spent a little less time on Potions and a little more time on Herbology.

Or any time at all on History of Magic but honestly, that would have been stupid. What mattered was getting Os on Potions, Transfiguration, and Charms, not coming in third or fifth or twenty-seventh.



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-23 03:17:27](#)  
(no subject)

Oh, I agree.

I'd just rather that one of those Ravenclaw cows didn't round out the top three.

It's ridiculous to care, I know. Considering.

Draco said he figured I'd've come first if



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 03:22:01](#)  
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Oh, I know. I hate that Padma's first, but I tried not to worry about it.

I wish you could have sat exams, I'm sure you'd have shown her up.



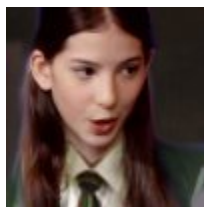
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It doesn't really matter, I suppose. I think on the whole I'd rather be learning at my own pace. Mr Snape says I've been on NEWT-level potions for almost six months, already.

What I wish is that I'd have more regular opportunities to practise wandwork.

Only now it's really going to make me wonder who came in third. On principle, mostly.

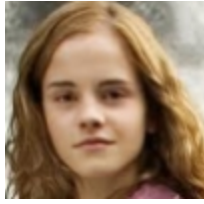
Do you think you'll be able to come to Laszlo's soon? Harry wanted to run Tea Appreciation on a regular basis so people could get used to us all going there.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 03:31:46](#)  
(no subject)

Surely we'll find out eventually who came in third. Especially if it's a Ravenclaw, they'll find a way to let EVERYONE know.

About Laszlo's -- yes, probably. When are we appreciating tea next?



 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-23 03:34:24](#)  
(no subject)

If it were up to Harry we'd appreciate tea every other day.

But I think probably Tuesday or Wednesday?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 03:40:39](#)  
(no subject)

Excellent. I'll see if I can shake off the crowd I sometimes wind up traveling with.

Gemma was glad to see me. You know she's almost exactly the same age as Arista? I keep looking at her and thinking about Arista, when we found her in the Ministry, the way she looked up at us.


She STILL wants to be in Hufflepuff. I don't think her mum takes it seriously but Philip does. I told her it's fine if she's in Hufflepuff, you can be just as clever in Hufflepuff as in Ravenclaw.



 [alt\\_neville](#) at [2013-06-23 04:35:04](#)  
(no subject)

Happy (and relieved) to hear from you.  
Congratulations on the excellent exam scores!



 [alt\\_terry](#) at [2013-06-23 04:39:37](#)  
(no subject)

Yes. Very well done.

(Do you think your Dad wants you to stay with him permanently?)




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 04:54:28](#)  
(no subject)

Yeah, I think he does.

I don't know why they -- it doesn't make a lot of sense, that they'd even consider letting him have me back. But nothing they do makes sense, look at how they sent Luna off to live with the Browns when the Weasleys wanted her and the Browns didn't.

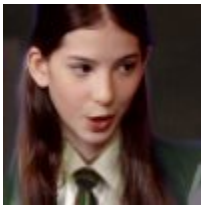
Anyway I wouldn't mind living with him if he'd



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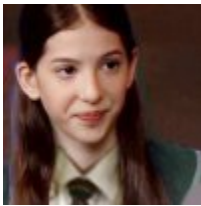
I almost wish we could let Madam Umbridge know. It would be so satisfying to let her know your scores after all those little digging comments she used to drop about how half-bloods weren't up to snuff.

(Not that I'm suggesting we should release her to tell her, though.)



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 04:52:18](#)  
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It is remarkably satisfying imagining letting her out of the plate just to tell her, and then popping her back in.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 04:53:07](#)  
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Though frankly she preferred slow half-bloods to clever ones.

Fifth in OWL exam results would definitely have been Above my Proper Place.



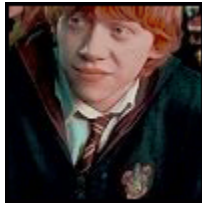
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I'd say HER proper place is a plate on the wall.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-23 05:48:45](#)  
(no subject)


Agreed.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-23 15:05:10](#)  
(no subject)

Glad she's not on my wall. I wouldn't want to look at her.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-23 15:07:26](#)  
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Say. I've got tonnes of chores today (because, well, y'know), but I was thinking we could maybe Floo or something later, yeah?

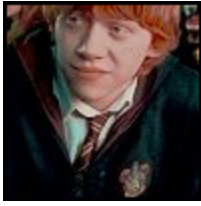
Would the Strettons let you come for supper?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 15:26:08](#)  
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I'll probably have more luck getting them to let me come to supper if we don't floo first. They're pleased with my exam results -- I was a bit worried they'd be cross with me for showing up Jeremy, but I guess not. Anyway I'll try to come.





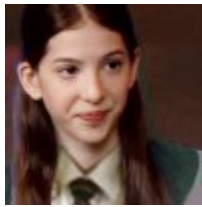
 **alt\_ron** at [2013-06-23 20:44:24](#)

*Private Message to Sally Anne*

I suppose doing chores isn't quite like getting detention--I mean, at least I can use magic for some of it--but still...

Ugh.

Have you asked the Strettons about supper? Do you need Mum to Floo call Mrs S?



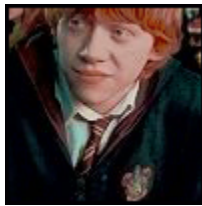
 **alt\_sally\_anne** at [2013-06-23 20:47:54](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

They said I can come to the Burrow tomorrow but they want me here tonight. To do the perimeter check, if you can believe it. On my broom.

It's almost tempting to tell them that I can personally guarantee no one's going to try to take over their farm, but I'm not sure MLE has even told them WHY they're supposed to be doing perimeter checks, just that they're supposed to do them, twice a day.

Tomorrow it'll be Jeremy's turn. Maybe I can come earlier than dinner? I can help with chores, even.



 **alt\_ron** at [2013-06-23 20:55:40](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

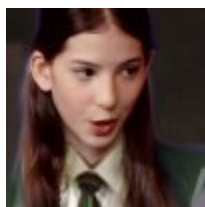
Oh.

Yeah, all right. I'm sure tomorrow'll be fine. You sure you aren't just skiving off tonight in case Percy's here? It's not very likely, y'know.

What do you have to do on these perimeter checks, anywiz? Just fly? or do you have to stop if you see a stone loose on some wall somewhere or what?

I mean, what do they think you'd do if you did see something?

Was Jeremy having to do it every time before you came home? or do they have other brooms there?



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at 2013-06-23 21:05:26**

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

They were making Jeremy do it EVERY DAY. He was really cross I had to spend a week with my father. In the morning they have one of their assistants do it but in the afternoons Jeremy and I are supposed to trade off, at least for now.

I carry around a bottle with something inside that whizzes off to tell MLE if I break it. Sirius Black mentioned it, I guess they've given them out to all the farms like this, it's a patronus charm with a delay on it? or something like that. I don't know exactly.

Anyway I'm supposed to be looking for people, not stones out of place but WHO EVEN KNOWS. My instructions are just absurd, honestly. I'm not supposed to fly down and check if I see something suspicious (because they might take me out before I could raise the alarm!) but I'm also not supposed to summon MLE for something frivolous. I asked how I was supposed to know if I wasn't supposed to fly down for a closer look and Mrs Stretton got all cross and told me to just use my best judgment, which of course means, 'we'll blame you either way, whatever happens.'

Fortunately I know the Order's not going to try to take over the Strettons. I suppose someone else might but I don't think it's exactly the Crimson Company's cup of revolution tea, you know?



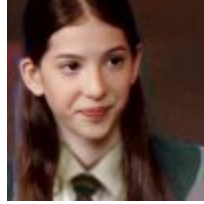
 **[alt\\_ron](#) at 2013-06-23 21:15:31**

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

Wonder what MLE does if someone accidentally drops one of those Patronus pints? What does that even look like, a Patronus in a bottle, I mean?

And don't get me started worrying about other groups getting the idea to take over Strettons with you there. We'd come get you out, y'know. In a minute. Course, actually, you'd probably

have turned them all into plates or turnips or cups of tea or whatever by the time we got there, so it's not like you'd need us to save you.

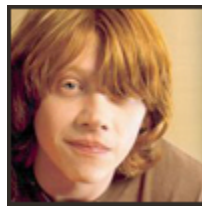


 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 21:21:59](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

I will valiantly attempt to PETRIFY THEM because apparently that's what I do, in a dire emergency if I think my life is on the line.

The Patronus Pint (good name) looks like a bottle with silvery stuff inside, you can't really tell it's a patronus. (I'm not sure it actually IS, honestly, or if that's just how it got explained to the people who were given them.) If you drop it accidentally, well, MLE comes and then you get to explain to Bellatrix Lestranger and Barty Crouch that you dropped it accidentally, I guess. If I ever drop it accidentally I'm going to cross my fingers and hope for Crouch, he knows Dolohov likes me so MAYBE he won't cruciate me? for as long? Um, anyway, I have it in a sack that I've charmed shut and I definitely won't drop it by accident.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-23 21:33:26](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

I think you should hide your wand if it comes to that. In your bracelet, I mean, like Hermione does. You could totally tell one person that you'd been disarmed by someone else, and they might never realise. Until you surprise each of them with a cunning and valiant Petrificus from behind.

I'm thinking of offering to name stuff for the twins when they start up their business. I think I'd be brilliant at that.

And, yeah. Not dropping it seems like a clever plan.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 21:37:21](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

Oh, now. THAT is an excellent idea. If it comes to that, I will.

I'd rather surprise them by APPARATING AWAY but I'll need to learn how to apparate first. If I can convince them I don't have a wand, though, that's certainly a good tactic all by itself. Getting your opponent to underestimate you is always an advantage.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-23 21:49:06](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

Exactly.

Whatever you do, don't tell them you came fifth in our whole year on OWLs. That's brilliant, you know?



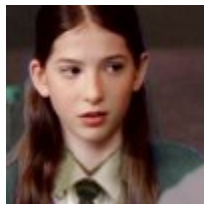
 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 21:53:51](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

Thanks.

~~I still wish I'd beaten Padma~~

I'll tell them I'm a Hufflepuff. Then they'll REALLY underestimate me.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 21:06:38](#)


*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

By the way, I meant to say.

Thanks for checking on me. When I was with my father. It helped a lot, knowing people would be coming around.

I can't wait until I can properly apparate. Maybe I can get another lesson the next time we're at Grimmauld.



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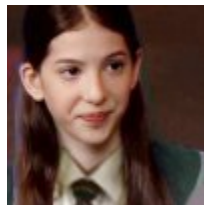
*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

Yeah, well.

I wasn't going to just leave you there with him. Since you couldn't really get away with turning him into a plate.

About the Apparating. D'you think you really need more lessons or just more practice? You could work on it here tomorrow night after supper. Mum would help. Or not if that would be better.

Or, well. Do you want Madam P around when you try it?



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at 2013-06-23 21:24:00**

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

I have never managed it even ONCE. But you're right, I know the theory and all, it's just that I can't actually do it and I don't want to practice on my own.

I don't know if I need Madam P to be right there but she should probably be available. Like where she could come straight away if your mum sent a patronus. When Hermione splinched herself it really looked like it hurt a LOT.



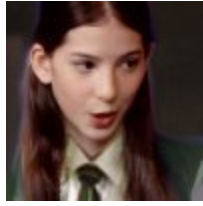
 **[alt\\_ron](#) at 2013-06-23 21:36:52**

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

It did, didn't it? I mean, she's not really the sort to say when stuff hurts, either. And that hurt.

So, yeah. I'll ask Mum if she could ask Madam P if she'd be able to come if we did practise.

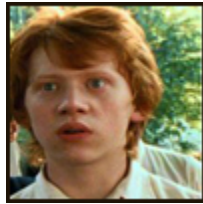
Er. That's a lot of ifs.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 21:39:54](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

Fortunately I think your mum would like me to be able to apparate, so she's motivated to ask instead of saying 'don't be silly, dear' or 'goodness, what a thought!' or any of the other things she says instead of 'yes, of course.'



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*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

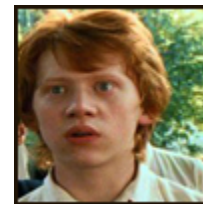
Uh. It's really sort of frightening how much you can sound like Mum when you try impersonating her.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 21:45:58](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

If I really wanted to scare you I'd do my imitation of Percy.



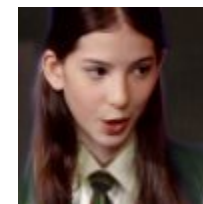
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*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

Yeah.

Don't.

I mean, yeah. Really not.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 21:58:17](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

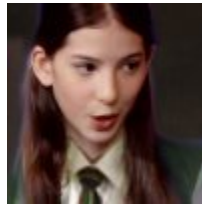
I sent him a thank-you note after I used his notes to revise Potions (they were actually really helpful! I may borrow them again for NEWTs) and it's pretty hilarious how he can manage to be gracious and obnoxious at the same time. He wished me the best when I took my OWL exam and hoped that my diligent work 'will be enough to enable you to rise above the (regrettable) handicap of your blood status.'



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-23 22:00:23](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

He said WHAT?!

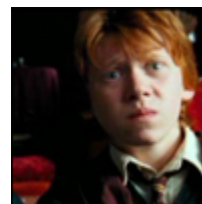



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*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

He also assured me it was 'most appropriate of you to extend your appreciation.'

Oh, don't worry about it, Ron. Percy's a prat. I've known that since I was a firstie. I don't know how he came out of your family, but I'm not sure how Sirius Black came out of his, you know?



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-23 22:10:49](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

Yeah, well. He's going to be a prat with bat bogeys where his nose used to be, next time I see him.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-23 22:11:57](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

Just don't tell him why. I want to borrow his notes for NEWTs, as well, after all.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-24 02:39:30](#)

*Private Message to Sally Anne*

So. How was it? The perimeter flying, I mean.

Everything all right there?




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-24 02:43:54](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

I saw absolutely no sign of outlaws preparing to invade our domain. It would have been rather more interesting if I had.

Maybe you can come fly with me the day after tomorrow. There's safety in numbers, you know?



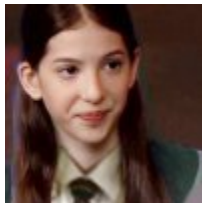
 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-24 02:46:51](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

Wizard.

We can pretend we're on the hunt for invaders. Maybe Stretton'd like to lead us a chase?

Or would his parents get hacked off about that?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-24 02:55:58](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

If we bring Jeremy along for company, he'll want us to keep him company when it is HIS turn to do the perimeter check. And I want to be able to do other things on my days off, like have dinner at the Burrow or maybe visit Pansy occasionally.

~~Besides, I was thinking it would be nice to have some time with just~~



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-24 03:15:10](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sally Anne*

Oh. Yeah.

Well, that's all right. It'd be nice to just go flying, anywiz.



**[2013-06-23 16:29:00](#)**

*Order Only: Private message to Padfoot and Tonks*




I feel old.

I don't know if it's just that it was a particularly trying transformation this month, or if it's seeing the juniors popping up with comments on the Order lock. But I feel like I'm about a hundred and thirty-six years old, today.

 **[alt\\_lupin](#)**

Dora says they're planning on dropping in at Doughty Conduit to appreciate tea. Not quite sure when. Have any of them told either of you their OWL results? I keep wanting to ask, or see if Alice will ask, but it seems a bit nosy unless we have some good reason (like we want to give them our own variety of Careers Advice. Remember those meetings? Mine was utterly sodding useless, but then, I expected it to be.)



 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-23 21:55:05](#)**  
(no subject)


I barely remember what Minerva told me in Careers Advice. Probably 'Stay out of Azkaban.'

Harry wants to make it a weekly occurrence, so we'll all know to plan on them coming round. Not sure if he cares which days.

Oh, and I'm not sure about the others but Dora, didn't that Jugson boy say Justin did quite well?

Anyway. Yes, Moony. We're old. I'm not sure how that happened.




 **[alt\\_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-23 22:01:55](#)**  
(no subject)

So you're saying she didn't tell you to go into Quidditch commentary? Or give you helpful advice on being a wanted fugitive?

Now I'm trying to work out what would be good advice for someone

planning to go into a career as a wanted fugitive. 'Learn the animagus transformation' seems like a good place to start, though.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-23 22:11:55](#)  
(no subject)

Ha, no. I remember that James and I wanted to be Aurors. I think actually it might have been - well. So, I'd just left home, remember, and I'd stayed with James for the rest of the Christmas hols.


No, it was too early for Dumbledore to talk to us about joining the Order. But I do remember Minerva being worried that I'd wind up on the mean muggle streets or something similarly dramatic.

I'm fairly certain the words, 'Murder earns a life sentence,' were part of the conversation. I can't remember if she meant my father or Snape.

Apparation, Occlumency, Animagus Tranformation .... Camping. Starting a fire without a wand. Dead useful. Breaking and entering. Scavenging.

Not particularly lawful but definitely skills needed for a life on the run.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-23 22:19:24](#)  
(no subject)

Hmm.


Maybe we should offer classes on some of THAT to the Juniors, this summer. Camping, fire starting, scavenging, breaking and entering -- these aren't skills they'll learn in school. Hopefully none of them will have to go on the run, mind you, but it could happen. Rather suddenly, as we saw with Sarah Fawcett.



 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-23 22:26:39](#)  
(no subject)

Well, yes. So let's add 'Staging Bloody Murder Scenes' and 'Covering Your Tracks If You Can't Apparate'.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-23 22:32:10](#)  
(no subject)

Weren't we going to do a post-mortem with them? Originally we were just going to talk through their rescue of Sarah, but now there's that expedition to the Ministry to cover, as well.

Now that they're properly in the Order it might be easier to do it in the journals than to find a time when they can all come to 12GP.

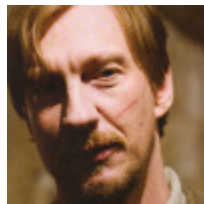



 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-23 22:37:41](#)  
(no subject)

That, at least, would save them having Rudy pin them to the wall with that eye of his whenever one of them says she decided to take a risky decision.

Saves us all the lecture.

You've got my vote.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-23 22:23:11](#)  
(no subject)

These days Auror candidates are probably required to get an O on the Dark Arts NEWT.

It's a shame. I can imagine Justin making an excellent Auror. Or Harry. I can imagine Neville or Sally-Anne working for MLE, in the old days, and being rather good at it.

I'd rather not imagine them working for Yaxley. Or Barty Crouch.



 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-23 22:08:14](#)  
(no subject)

Oh, you're ancient. Both of you. Bea and I were just saying yesterday that it wouldn't be long now before we had to send you off to the care home.

And, yes. Remy Jugson said Justin came third in the whole fifth year with six OWLs.

The hearing's first to go. And the memory just after.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-23 22:18:38](#)  
(no subject)

Oi. I'm over two hundred and sixty in dog years, you know.


That's older than Dumbledore and all.



 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-23 22:23:18](#)  
(no subject)

What's the conversion rate on wolf years, then? Does that make Himself older or younger than you?



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-23 22:27:18](#)  
(no subject)

I think by a similar calculation I'd be eight hundred and twenty-two.



 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-23 22:28:40](#)  
(no subject)


You're awfully well preserved, then. I'd be proud of that if I were you!



 **[alt\\_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-23 22:29:44](#)**  
(no subject)

Now THAT is an excellent point.




 **[alt\\_sirius](#)** at **[2013-06-24 02:24:48](#)**  
*Private Message to Moony*

Ouch.

You're not - I mean, when you said you were feeling old, you do feel all right, though. Right?



 **[alt\\_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-24 02:27:25](#)**  
*Re: Private Message to Moony*

I've been feeling better as the day's gone on, and it's four weeks until I have to transform again, which is comforting. So yes, I feel all right.

**2013-06-23 17:40:00**

*Order Only: Private message to Alice Longbottom and Minerva McGonagall*



 [alt\\_lupin](#)

So I had a chat this afternoon with Sirius and Tonks. Now that our youngest members are in the Order, and done with their OWLs, we had a couple of thoughts.


1. That post-mortem that Kingsley proposed, after they rescued Sarah Fawcett: it might be easier to conduct in the journal than in person, simply because getting them all to 12GP at one time can be so difficult. I'm going to suggest that we try to do a post-mortem strictly of the rescue of Sarah, first, and then consider doing one for that expedition to the Ministry. The presence of Felix Felicis that night makes it difficult to analyse the decisions properly -- but also, I think the older Order members were rather more pleased with them after that first adventure than after the second, and the knowledge that OVERALL we think they did a fine job might make our critique easier to swallow.

2. Perhaps we might offer the lot of them some careers advising. We could all do it as a group, or perhaps we might invite each of them to send a PM to whichever among us might have useful ideas for them. I suppose that wouldn't be ideal if they wanted advice from more than two people, but -- well. I don't want to be pushy -- there's nothing quite as irritating as advice you didn't want in the first place -- but perhaps they might appreciate the invitation?

3. Sirius and I chatted about skills that come in useful if one winds up on the run. He mentioned camping, starting a fire without a wand, breaking and entering, and scavenging. Also the Animagus transformation -- that's dead useful in quite a few ways, though difficult to teach and even more difficult to master. Camping and fire starting, though -- those are rather easier, and we could offer instruction to anyone who wants it. Sherwood might be a good spot for those classes, if Davidson doesn't object.

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 **alt\_alice** at [2013-06-23 23:26:44](#)  
(no subject)

I think it makes a great deal of sense for you three to take point on this, as Grimmauld is a natural gathering place, and all three of you have been a point of early contact for them in one way or another. The sooner we coordinate a regular visiting time, the better, I think. Especially for Harry's sake. I'd like to see as many of them pick up Apparation as possible by the end of hols, and working on practical defence and healing skills seem like a natural priority after their encounter at the Department of Mysteries.


Popping away to Sherwood might make for a good change in scenery, and introduce them to our wider network as well. Perhaps they could organise a camping trip for that purpose? A few days outside in a row could really make for some quality hands-on opportunities when it comes to those sorts of skills, and if they planned it right, they could spend a great deal of that time with Sherwood and not be missed. Perhaps we could suggest it and see what sort of interest there is.

The post-mortem might be best to do over journals, yes -- as it'd let everyone participate, and allow for a bit more distance too. I do think that starting by having them talk through their own analysis and share what they've discussed with us is preferable, as I'd rather we all share ideas for what to improve for next time and listen to what they think about it all than give the impression we're doing it just to yell at them.

And yes for careers advice as well. The PMs are a good idea to start with, and perhaps we could try to coordinate further meetings in person if possible. They have to decide for NEWTs by July 1, so the sooner the better for that.

So, agreed on all points darling. Thank you for sorting it out.



 **alt\_lupin** at [2013-06-24 02:05:43](#)  
(no subject)

Right. I owled Kingsley and have posted the invitation to the Juniors, in case any of them want some advising. (I hope at least a few of them do, or I'm going to feel like an utter git.)



 **[alt\\_alice](#) at 2013-06-23 23:38:24**

*Private Message to Remus*

Remus, I've got a favour for you. I need an outside opinion, as I'm too close to it, and you always have a sensible perspective on things.

Both Evelyn and Neville have asked us if they can come and visit Moddey Dhoo.

I know Sirius has been reticent to visit, and sees his choice as a protective one. I also know that we're still in the process of sorting out the role our Juniors will play within the Order, as it's still all very new, and further complicated by the fact that two of them are my children.

I would make the offer to any of our adult members to come here, and have done as much. But I'd like your take on things, as you're a bit more impartial.

What are your thoughts?




 **[alt\\_lupin](#) at 2013-06-24 01:25:25**

*Re: Private Message to Remus*

To be honest, I think Sirius's refusal to go to Moddey is more about punishing himself for what happened to Lily and James than anything else.

No one can get to Moddey unless they hear the secret from Arabella. Who lives there, full time, leaving only briefly to reveal the secret to new arrivals. If Neville and Evelyn visit, they'll be able to return if they need to; it's another safe location, a safer one than 12GP, which we're rather more casual with.



 **[alt\\_alice](#) at 2013-06-24 02:22:15**

*Re: Private Message to Remus*

He does tend to be rather hard on himself, doesn't he?

Thank you, Remus. That's my assessment as well.  
It's just hard to sort out what I want as a mum from what would be



wisest sometimes.

How are things at Grimmauld? Everything ticking along? Have you heard at all from Beth? Frank's mentioned that he worries Tonks might be stretching herself a bit thin.

And on a completely different note, I'm thinking Kevin and Will are due for a playdate with Bea sometime soon.

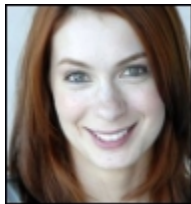


 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-24 02:35:29](#)

*Re: Private Message to Remus*

Things are fine at Grimmauld. Tonks is stretching herself thin -- she was thinking about giving up that wretched job at the Ministry, but after what happened with Bill I think she's reconsidered.

Beth. Yes. Well, we got the handful of survivors we found back to her and mentioned Aldrich. She said she'd think about it. Given that we're the ones who told her the wards go down at solstice, she may not be feeling like we're particularly reliable just now. Still, we got the 'refugee coming' signal at the shop today so presumably she hasn't written us off completely.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-24 02:49:28](#)

*Re: Private Message to Remus*

Yes, that was fortuitous, but it was quite a bit of good luck, wasn't it? Having a set of ears where no-one is expecting can be incredibly useful, but there's a lot of hard labour and rare enough payoff to make me question whether it's worth her while.

I'm wondering if she might be able to actively recruit one of her current co-workers into Bill's network and put her skills and energy to better use elsewhere.

And I don't blame Beth one bit for that, but it's good to know she hasn't cut off contact altogether. Once we gain a few more footholds, we'll be better able to help her funnel some of her people there.

**2013-06-23 20:27:00**

*Order Only: Careers Advice*

As I understand it, all the current Hogwarts students who sat OWLs last month should have received their results last week, and are expected to select NEWT subjects to study by July 1. At school, I think you were all offered a Careers Advice session with your Head of House and an additional adviser of your choice.



 [alt\\_lupin](#)

If you would also like a Careers Advice session with Order members, we are at your disposal. Please feel free to PM any two of us (or if you are less concerned about privacy than completeness, you can simply Order Lock your post and we'll all chime in).

I'll note that this is an offer, not a demand; you certainly aren't required to want our advice, nor to take it if you ask for it. We welcome all the talents and skills you bring to the table, and whether you want to put them in the Order's service remains your choice, in any case.



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 [alt\\_harry](#) at **2013-06-24 02:56:58**  
(no subject)

Thanks, Mr Lupin.

Um.

Would next week be okay to start Tea Appreciation? I mean, is there a day or something that would work best?



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at **2013-06-24 14:20:42**  
(no subject)


Next week would be fine. This week would also be fine, if you didn't want to wait. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays are the quietest days at the shop; you'd be least likely to attract attention.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-24 14:46:10](#)  
*(no subject)*

Okay. Let's just do it this Wednesday, then. And if people need it to be another day next week, we'll change it.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-24 14:54:19](#)  
*(no subject)*

Thanks, but I reckon I know what I'm going to do about NEWTs. Professor Brutka, well, Dumbledore, helped me think that through. And my marks were all right, so I think I'll just go on and take the things we

talked over.

**2013-06-23 21:56:00**

*Summer & OWL results*

The owl with my OWL results had to find me on a fishing trip with Mr Rosier. We went to Folkestone and went out sailing and fishing. I'd never been on boats much before, it was interesting. Anyway the owl did find me, even as far out as we were, and we were both reasonably pleased with my marks. Two O's, three E's, and the only exam I failed was Divination.



 **alt\_seamus**

I didn't have my journal with me on the trip, but we're back! Padma you can come over anytime, if you'd like.

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 **alt\_seamus** at **2013-06-24 03:33:56**

*Private message to Padma*

I'm really sorry I wasn't able to reply to your journal message, Mr Rosier had me leave my journal back at the house when we went on our holiday. It was a nice holiday, but, well, anyway. I'm back now.

I got an O in History and an O in Astronomy. I sort of wish I could trade my E in Dark Arts and my O in Astronomy, but whatever, it's good enough to go on, at least. I should have worked harder on the essay. I did fine on the practical. Anyway, I'm going to go on in History, I think, although it'll be odd because especially if you and Linus skive off I think I may be the ONLY student in that class. Think Binns will even notice? Maybe I can skip class altogether and just read in the library.

I got Es in Charms, Dark Arts, Defense, and Potions. So I'm definitely going on in those. I got an A in Arithmancy and Mr Rosier thinks I should do the review and retest, if they'll let me, and try to go on in that, especially as I did get an O in Astronomy and although Professor Siz says she'll let you in even if you're not enrolled in Arithmancy (because her favourite student didn't take Arithmancy, you know; better change the rules!) I'm not sure how useful it would be.

Remy promised me he'd stay away from the firewhiskey next time but I'm not sure. I owled him today and we'll probably meet somewhere. It's going to be a dead dull summer if there's no YPL, especially if I

have to spend the whole summer revising Arithmancy. Maybe I could persuade Mr Rosier to hire you as my tutor, that wouldn't be too terrible.



 [alt\\_seamus](#) at [2013-06-24 03:36:36](#)

*Re: Private message to Padma*

And Ireland. Well.


I haven't heard anything.

There was -- I mean, there was that business that happened right before Professor Siz and Professor Raz's wedding. Director Selwyn being a traitor and -- I don't know.

Mr Rosier is worried. I thought he was over it but he was worried on our holiday, too.

But I can tell you it doesn't have anything to do with Ireland. Or to do with me.



 [alt\\_padma](#) at [2013-06-24 03:44:14](#)

*Re: Private message to Padma*

Well, that's good. That it's nothing to do with more trouble in Ireland. But that's not what I meant.

I meant--well, you know, you were feeling queer odd about the whole thing. Before. But that's gone away now? I mean, that's good, too, isn't it?

What's he worried about, do you know?



 [alt\\_seamus](#) at [2013-06-24 03:51:54](#)


*Re: Private message to Padma*

I think he's worried because if Director Selwyn was a traitor, how can you know who to trust?

Also, they were friends, you know? They worked together. Rather closely. For years. And then Mr Selwyn betrayed Our Lord. They killed him rather horribly, I heard people talking at the wedding about it.

I think that made Mr Rosier upset, maybe, and then he was worried because you shouldn't be upset over the fate of a traitor. But it's hard when you've known someone for years. When it was someone you'd trusted. And liked, even.



 **[alt\\_padma](#) at 2013-06-24 04:00:45**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

I think it's natural to be upset and to wonder what went wrong. Like Parkinson with her precious Black brother. And Mrs Malfoy, she mourned him, too. It's only to be expected.

As for who to trust, does Mr Rosier know what made Mr Selwyn decide to turn traitor like that? I mean, if it was something that had a reason, then maybe there are things that would fix whatever was wrong, so Mr Selwyn wouldn't have died for no reason. Or something.



 **[alt\\_seamus](#) at 2013-06-24 04:16:03**

*Re: Private message to Padma*


Yeah

Well

Selwyn told them why, when he was -- when Our Lord cruciated him before some of the other councilwizards before He killed him. He said he turned traitor because Our Lord toys with people and kills them for sport. Like Warrington. That's what Selwyn said. At least, that's what I heard people saying he said.

But Mr Rosier wasn't there that time. So I'm not sure.



 [alt\\_padma](#) at [2013-06-24 04:24:09](#)


*Re: Private message to Padma*

Well, that doesn't make any sense. That he would turn traitor now, instead of years ago.

Besides, it's Our Lord's choice how people are best able to serve Him, isn't it? And if serving Him means fighting in games or punishing muggles or...or sacrificing little boys or someone's mother, well. Who are we to say that He's wrong? Aren't we supposed to trust and believe that it's for some reason?

We're supposed to go through hardship, you know? That's how one becomes a better person. And if the hardship is something that costs a life in this life, then we'll come back with a better life next time.



 [alt\\_seamus](#) at [2013-06-24 04:26:14](#)

*Re: Private message to Padma*

Yeah

My mum didn't die for nothing, though, it wasn't for sport. There was a reason.

I hope my mum comes back as something nice.



 [alt\\_seamus](#) at [2013-06-24 04:31:09](#)


*Re: Private message to Padma*

And you're right. Someone who didn't know, who didn't understand, might think my mother's death was for no reason. Just out of -- blood lust, out of revenge, something like that.

But there was a purpose to it, a larger purpose.

We're not always going to know. That's what loyalty is all about, I guess, that sort of trust that Our Lord's actions have a purpose even if we don't always know what.



 **[alt\\_padma](#) at 2013-06-24 04:36:58**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

Yes, and you're right that she did die to serve a higher goal. For something important.

And yes, that's it, exactly. You can't just be loyal when it's easy. You have to know which loyalties are more important, you know, so that when you have to choose, you can choose the biggest, most important thing to be loyal to.

Anyway. It's late. If I'm coming over tomorrow we should both get some sleep.



 **[alt\\_seamus](#) at 2013-06-24 04:16:56**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

And I'm not saying I agree with him, of course; he was a despicable traitor.

I'm just saying, this is what I heard people saying that Mr Selwyn said, about why he turned against Our Lord.



 **[alt\\_padma](#) at 2013-06-24 03:41:02**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

Did he say why he wanted you to leave the journal? Just so you could really relax? Mum says sometimes she wishes people would leave their journals closed more often because now everyone carries them everywhere and it's hard to have a real conversation.

Well, I heard a rumour that there are a couple of people who only have enough to go on if they continue History, so you wouldn't be alone. If you were in lessons, you wouldn't have to work hard, just listen to what he says we're supposed to be reading so we know we're not too far off the mark.

Before you re-test in Arithmancy, you could write to Professor Vector and see if she'll allow you to go on without the E. If you were really close, she might let you. Then you wouldn't have to revise all



summer long. But if you do need to test again, I'll come over to revise with you whenever you like.



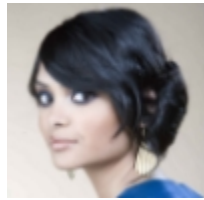
 **[alt\\_seamus](#) at 2013-06-24 03:47:47**


*Re: Private message to Padma*

Yeah, that's just it, he says people spend all their time reading in their journals now and he wanted me to appreciate the fishing and the company and the lovely summer weather. And it was rather nice out.

Who would I be with, do you know? I can't imagine it would be Crabbe or Goyle, at least.

That's a good thought about writing to Professor Vector. I'll give that a try, at least.



 **[alt\\_padma](#) at 2013-06-24 03:54:50**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

Actually, what am I saying? Lines decided to stick with it after all. Also Morag and Su Li and Mandy all said they're going on, mostly because it's an easy enough subject to carry.

So you won't be alone. I don't know if anyone else is continuing, though.

Pav's not coming back, by the way. It was--well, I wish you'd had your journal when we found out she didn't have the marks in enough subjects to continue. Dad still wants her to retest but she said it wouldn't much matter.



 **[alt\\_seamus](#) at 2013-06-24 03:58:32**


*Re: Private message to Padma*

Parvati's not coming back?

You mentioned she was thinking about it but I didn't think she'd really leave.

How bad were her marks?



 **[alt\\_padma](#) at 2013-06-24 04:05:08**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

She got eight passing marks, but only one O and only one E, in Charms. Her O was Divination and mostly she thought that was working with Lav the way she's been doing. (Honestly, I passed Divination and that was just from reading her books and practising with her and Lav before the exams, over hols and such. It really wasn't difficult.)

So really she could pick a subject and ask to retest and apply to her professors but she just would rather not bother, I guess. She wants to go into the shop with Mum, full time.

The Aunts are already trying to figure out who she might be able to marry. I'd much rather stay in school for now!



 **[alt\\_seamus](#) at 2013-06-24 04:08:32**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

Married?!? She's not even of age! Ugh.



 **[alt\\_padma](#) at 2013-06-24 04:10:20**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

Doesn't matter!

If Mum and Dad weren't so progressive, we'd both have been betrothed before we even started at Hogwarts.

Now that she's not coming back she's got no excuse, I guess.

I'm putting that off as long as possible.



 **alt\_seamus** at [2013-06-24 03:42:37](#)

*Private message to Professor Dolohov*

Sir,

The events of May have been weighing on me Mr Rosier quite a bit, and I am finding myself thinking about them as well.

I never would have believed that Mr Selwyn could turn out to be a traitor.

You're quite sure he was, though, aren't you? That he deserved what happened to him.

I heard some of the Councilwizards talking at the wedding, about how he died. ~~About how long~~

~~How do you~~

He was a friend of yours, wasn't he? I mean before he was revealed to be a traitor. He pretended -- did you like him?



 **alt\_antonin** at [2013-06-24 05:04:26](#)

*Re: Private message to Professor Dolohov*

Mr Finnigan,

You do not ask easy questions. And I will confess that I, too, have spent the last few weeks reviewing much the same questions, and sifting through the memories of conversation after conversation to see what I might have missed, and whether there was a moment something I could have said or done could have turned the tide and brought us to the shores of a different outcome.

Yes, Dominic was my friend and brother, and a good and solid man. And there is no doubt he tried to strike down Our Lord, for ~~what seemed to him a very good reason~~ whatever reason he thought necessary, and did not succeed. If I am having trouble reconciling those two facts, I am not surprised you are finding it difficult as well.

We have spoken, you and I, about necessity, and I am trying to

remind myself of those incontrovertible and ineffable influences, and that no man can know another's necessities as his own. There are times when one's own actions and one's own experiences can lead one to beliefs that are wrong, or misguided -- or, yes, traitorous -- but are no less sincerely held for that misguidedness. And there are times when one arrives at such a conclusion, built of hundreds of tiny moments or one watershed realisation, and cannot take any action other than the action one's own honour dictates. Even when one knows the ends that action will bring one to.

Dominic knew, when he lifted wand against Our Lord, that if he failed -- when he failed -- he would find himself set against Our Lord's loyal, with his life and more forfeit for his actions, and yet he felt he could not do anything other than what he did. I do not know what led him to that conclusion, so obviously flawed. I do not know if we could have led him back to right thinking. I cannot help but be troubled that we did not have the chance to try.

It is natural, I suppose, to be troubled. When someone so above reproach suddenly behaves in such a way as to make you question your entire understanding of him, there are no easy answers. All each of us can do is act in such a way as to serve our own necessities, and to honour our own convictions, and to behave in the ways we know to be correct. ~~As Dominic did~~

We'll be returning to this question in your classes over the next two years -- not this particular instance, but the larger question of how to choose the correct action in a given situation -- and while I will not have concrete answers for you, I hope I will be able to provide you with the tools to find answers for yourself. In the meantime, as you contemplate recent events, it may be valuable for you to consider, not what led Dominic to the choices he made -- for none of us can ever fully understand what leads another to such a drastic reversal of conviction -- but rather, what your own convictions and necessities are, and what you would and would not do to uphold them when they are tested. Such a framework to meditate upon may not set your mind at ease, but it may lead you to a fuller understanding of how one might find oneself called upon to do things one finds terrible but necessary, and understanding is the first step towards being at peace with the decisions one is sometimes called upon to make.

Yours,  
Antonin



 [alt\\_seamus](#) at [2013-06-24 05:16:09](#)

*Re: Private message to Professor Dolohov*

What I would or wouldn't do -- what I could, or couldn't do -- is really what keeps me awake at night, sir.

Mr Selwyn was your friend and you were there, weren't you?

How do you

I mean with my mother it was very fast. She didn't suffer. But I heard people talking at the wedding and they said with Mr Selwyn it went on for a very long time before he died and you all had to

How? Do you understand what I'm asking? What if I'm called on to witness if someone I know, someone I like, even -- I mean I don't think anyone I know is a traitor but I didn't think Mr Selwyn was a traitor!

~~What if someday it's Mr Rosier~~



 [alt\\_antonin](#) at [2013-06-24 05:40:26](#)

*Re: Private message to Professor Dolohov*

Mr Finnigan,

Yes, I was there. And yes, I was called upon to question Dominic, before Our Lord pronounced His justice. It was not the first time I have been called upon to do such things, and I do not doubt it will not be the last.

It is not easy.

But just as none of us can know another's necessities, neither can we be false to our own. I have sworn to obey Our Lord's will and to make manifest His desires, and it is the most solemn oath I have ever taken. Obeying that oath is often difficult. As it should be: we do not value that which comes easily, nor do we properly appreciate that for which we do not sacrifice.

~~When~~ If you are called upon to witness the consequences of someone else's decisions, all you can do is to be true to yourself -- to your loyalties, to your beliefs, to your convictions. All we can

do in a situation like that is to obey our own necessities, while at the same time paying honour to the necessities of those to whom we are connected. I do not agree with the choice Dominic made, to turn traitor to Our Lord's oath, but I honour the years in which he was my friend and brother, and I will do everything I can to remember that friendship and brotherhood while simultaneously condemning the actions he took.

All we can do is be true to our own selves -- to our oaths, to our convictions -- and to bear witness to the actions of those around us. It is, all too often, a poor set of choices indeed. But it is not for us to judge, only to act in accordance with our own selves and our own honour, as best as we are imperfectly capable.

Yours,  
Antonin

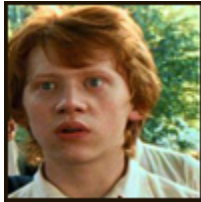
**2013-06-24 07:39:00**

*I Solemnly Swear that I am Up to No Good*

What do you all want? I've got important things to do. We're going to storm the castle and I've got to throw dust on the manticores!



 [alt\\_hydra](#)

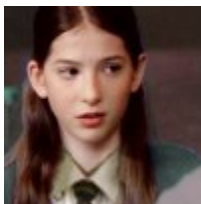


 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-24 14:09:30](#)

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Um.

Look out for the Lethifolds?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-24 14:22:25](#)

*(no subject)*

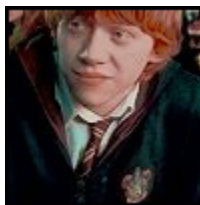
Is this a code of some sort? Justin? Hydra, do you need help?




 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-24 14:40:00](#)

*(no subject)*

I'm going to go by her house again today.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-24 14:46:16](#)

*(no subject)*

Good idea, mate.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-24 16:07:42](#)

*(no subject)*

Good. Don't let the house-elf turn you away this time, yeah? Mrs Lestrangle wouldn't. Turn you away, I mean. She'd let you into see Hydra no matter what.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-24 16:34:31](#)  
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Cheers, Harry.

Yes, now I'm *quite* concerned....

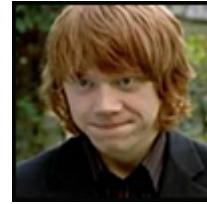
Dux? You don't sound quite like yourself, love.

-Justin



**2013-06-24 09:57:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*  
*Private Message to Sally Anne*



 [alt\\_ron](#)

Did you know you can't just scourgify the shelves in a pantry? Apparently that upsets a whole load of preservative and sealing charms and charms that keep maggots and moths and voles and other horrible things out of the food.

I don't see why Mum's so hacked off. I mean, she might've said, yeah? If it's that major a thing, you'd think she would have. I mean, before she set me cleaning it all, yeah? She's said loads about it since. Hasn't stopped yet.

I think the conclusion's obvious, really: I don't have the skills needed for house work and shouldn't be set these sorts of things, right? Not everyone can be gifted like that. I tried telling her, but she had another view of it.

Oh. What I was writing to say is: Mum says tonight'll be fine for you to come for supper.

And she wanted to know if you like gooseberries. I think she's making fool. Could be tarts, though.

Or pie, but she hasn't done a pie yet since we've got home. I wonder if it's because it reminds her of dad?

Anywiz, gooseberries alright with you? I told her you'd be happy with anything she made, but she said it's proper to ask. So, yeah. I am.



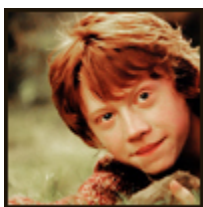
 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-24 15:54:39**


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I like gooseberries just fine as long as sugar is also involved. What time should I come? I knew that about the preservative charms but you know what, she SHOULD have told you. The Strettons have SIGNS UP all over in their store rooms, telling you what charms you shouldn't use where, because it's a bit complicated and they don't expect people to just know.

Because yeah if you're not supposed to use THE MOST COMMON CLEANING CHARM THERE IS people ought to let you know before they SEND YOU TO CLEAN A ROOM.

(The Strettons mostly deal with this by having some of the muggles clean the store rooms. You know who can't ever upset an anti-maggot ward? Muggles, because they don't have wands.)



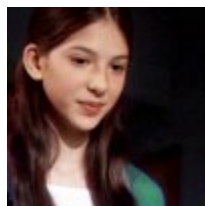
 **alt\_ron** at **2013-06-24 16:14:19**  
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Oh, well. We're friends again, Mum and I. I just saved her having to try to Accio some china thinger off the top of a cupboard without smashing it. I pointed out it's really a good thing I got so tall. I mean, yeah, it does mean all my trousers and shirts and robes and uniforms have to be replaced again, but sometimes you just need someone around who can reach things down for you.

Made her go all sniffly, that. For a minute. Now she's got me dragging the carpets out and setting beating charms on them. And that's made me sneeze.

Um. Why don't you come at 4:00? Or earlier if the Strettons will let you. That way we could work on you Apparating. I've got some ideas about that, too. Like maybe if I stand by the second ring, it'd be a bit of an incentive to get there, yeah?! Or I could set off a noise jinx right behind you and that'd make you want to get to the second ring!


Actually, you know, why don't you come earlier. It'll be fun, and Mum'll let me off chores if you're here!



 **alt\_sally\_anne** at **2013-06-24 16:54:28**  
(no subject)

I think I could get away at two or three. We'll see.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-24 17:28:45](#)  
(no subject)

Floo's open whenever you want to step through.


Just, y'know, shout if no one's in the kitchen when you get there. We'll be somewhere. Fluffing pillows or blasting spiderwebs or hopefully not cleaning ghouls out of the attics.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-24 17:33:54](#)  
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Does she save up all the big cleaning projects for summer holidays?



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-24 17:51:49](#)  
(no subject)

Heh. You think?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-24 18:48:40](#)  
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I am on my way to rescue you from scourgify spells and chicken coops!

**2013-06-24 11:06:00**

*ORDER ONLY: Careers Advice*

So. I thought I'd write two sets of people. But, you know, if anyone else has stuff they want to suggest, they can.



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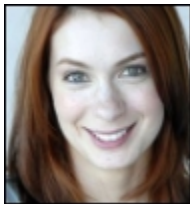
 [alt\\_harry](#) at **2013-06-24 15:16:55**

*Private Message to Sirius Black and Alice Longbottom*

It's not really careers advice, because I'm not sure if I'll have a career. I mean, it's not like I'll be working for the Ministry or becoming an Auror or joining up with a Quidditch team or something. You know.

Anyways. I sort of wanted to ask about what you thought it would be good to learn. In order to be able to do what I've got to do. Because we don't know a lot, except for that there is a Horcrux. And that we could all stand to be better at Defence.

And. I got Es in Creatures, Transfiguration, Charms, Dark Arts, Herbology, and Potions, and an O in Defence. I thought I'd drop Creatures, unless there was a good reason to keep taking it that I should know about.



 [alt\\_alice](#) at **2013-06-24 22:21:05**

*Re: Private Message to Sirius Black and Alice Longbottom*

Thank you for writing, Harry. I'll see what I can sort out here, and if you want to talk further, I can certainly make arrangements to talk with you when you visit Grimmauld.

First of all, I do think Defence and Apparation would be good to brush up on over the summer, and Remus and I have been talking about survival skills that we might have you all work on as well.

You're right in that there are an awful lot of unknowns, and goodness knows what will ultimately prove useful to you. We'll all be learning as much as we can about Horcruxes, which is a good place to start.

In terms of courses, a general set of knowledge will most likely serve you well. And you never know about Creatures -- generally speaking, for instance, having the ability to obtain wand core materials or make alliances with certain types of magical creatures may prove incredibly useful to the Order in coming months and years, and even though you might not be asked to do any of that sort of thing personally, it could still be more valuable skill set than you've given thought to.


But I think the most useful skills you can continue to develop are your leadership skills. Even though Madame Umbridge is no longer a presence at Hogwarts, you can continue in a similar vein to what you and the rest of the ISS developed last year -- you personally showed a great deal of compassion to your fellow students, particularly the half-blooded ones, and regularly stepped into the position of speaking out for their rights. It might be harder to continue to do that sort of thing exactly in a less fraught environment, but I think that the more you can take advantage of shifting tides at Hogwarts, the more support we'll ultimately have.

Taking full advantage of the galleon, for instance, and the regular Defence meetings. Setting up a safe space where people feel they can talk. I know this is all a bit vague for the moment, I'm still working on some specific suggestions, but you're in a real position to make some very positive changes for a lot of students at Hogwarts, and that can certainly continue. I can see how what you've done in regards to halfblooded students at Hogwarts might trickle out to have a meaningful impact on the way the people of the Protectorate think about blood and rank, for instance.

Changing hearts and minds can take a long time. As members of a younger generation, it's going to be so very important for all of you to be at the forefront of those changes whenever you can.

Is there anything you can see yourself doing for the Order or the Institute (other than fighting Voldemort) that you'd particularly enjoy, or want to be a part of?



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-25 02:11:37](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sirius Black and Alice Longbottom*

Like what Sirius does with the Grim Truths. Only at Hogwarts. Sort of.

And yeah, I can see how Creatures might be useful. Maybe. It's not super hard or anything. I could take it instead of Herbology. I'll think more about it.

And I don't know. I mean, you've got a lot going on. More than just rescuing babies and things. I bet we could find something to do over hols. We could talk more about it on Wednesday. I like flying, and I guess I'm okay at it. I know you probably don't need a bigger boat now, but maybe we could go flying for other stuff. Like helping scout out farms. Because we'd be less suspicious if we brought like a picnic or something.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-24 22:34:49](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sirius Black and Alice Longbottom*

Your dad and I wanted to be Aurors, too. I think that's as good a model as anything for what you'll need, in addition to everything Alice said.

Having a knowledge of Creatures is good but not as important as simply understanding how to treat them, for the most part. Look how handy it was to know how to ride a hippogriff. Or work around dragons. But will you need a N.E.W.T. level? Probably not, especially with Charlie around to give advice.

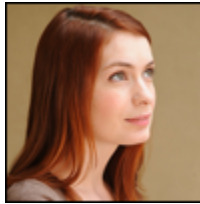
But as far as leadership ... I agree with Alice but I'm not sure how else to tell you how to work on it. It's something that comes easily to some and never to others. It's more than just standing up and speaking out. It's to do with integrity. People have to believe you can do what you say and that you *will* do it, too. I tend to think actions are the only currency there that will pay off.

One thing I'll say to you, Harry, is that you could do with indulging your Gryffindor side a little more. You tend to act most decisively when you don't worry about what people will say, or what will happen. I'm not advising you to be rash on purpose, but more that

you seem to lock yourself down when you think what might happen if you do make that comment or defend that person. I know you don't want people to think you're using your status - but in this sort of fight, it's your status that is your best defence against retaliation. You could do with asserting yourself more often, not hanging back to wait for others to prod you into doing the right thing. The others will follow, if you act with conviction and commitment, and don't let anyone else push you around.

That's not careers advice but it relates to what you're asking. How to do what you need to do.

Keeping your wand up in between casting, that'll help, too. You drop your elbow, especially if you're working with a partner.



 **alt\_alice** at **2013-06-24 22:43:22**

*Re: Private Message to Sirius Black and Alice Longbottom*

Yes, exactly.

For instance, when it comes to integrity and action, even though Madame Umbridge will not be directly interfering with the halfblooded students taking their OWLs next year, they'll still be at risk -- some more than others. Expanding your support and helping to provide tutors and revision sessions with the rising 5ths might be a way to show that.




 **alt\_harry** at **2013-06-25 02:12:01**

*Re: Private Message to Sirius Black and Alice Longbottom*

Yeah. I can see that.

And there's some people who aren't staying on at school. I could keep up with them, maybe. Make sure they're okay. Especially the people that had trouble with their foster parents.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-25 01:59:52](#)

*Re: Private Message to Sirius Black and Alice Longbottom*

Okay.

I'll work on the arm thing.

And the other thing too.

Mrs Longbottom is right, I think it was sort of easier to do that stuff with Umbridge right there. You know?



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-24 15:18:55](#)


*Private Message to Mr Snape and Mr Dumbledore*

Okay.

So I got Es in Creatures, Transfiguration, Charms, Dark Arts, Herbology, and Potions, and an O in Defence. I'm asking Sirius and Mrs Longbottom what they think I should learn, and I thought I should ask you too.

We have to sort out Horcruxes. I mean, that's obvious. And I have to get better at Defence. But it's sort of hard to figure out what would be useful. Anyways. I thought I'd see what you had to say.



 [alt\\_harry](#) at [2013-06-24 15:21:41](#)

*Private Message to Mr Snape*

And.

Some of us have been talking. About what we should do if they recruit us for the Council. Because some of us might be. Like Draco. And Hydra. And maybe even Justin and Pansy and Sally-Anne. And I don't know what he's got in mind for me, I never do, really, but that's a possibility.

And I wanted to know what advice you had about that.





 [alt\\_severus](#) at [2013-06-24 23:54:07](#)

*Re: Private Message to Mr Snape*

Prior to this year, I would have said I would count it unlikely they would recruit children fresh from Hogwarts, or at least not without some external danger; once that lot gained power, the existing Death Eaters would not stand for that power to be watered down, and they were no longer in need of young wands to fight their battles for them. However, He has been hard on His servants of late, and with both Lestrage and Dolohov now at Hogwarts, I can very well imagine He might look to your yearmates to expand the ranks. If nothing else, your cohort is one of the first to have known nothing but the Protectorate's might; He may find that appealing.

Attempting to predict the Dark Lord's whims, however, is a madness-inducing prospect. I would not count upon it.

Likewise, though, I would not rule it out. You are in a position to advise the others; you have seen more of what His service would entail than any of them. It is not for everyone. The life of a double agent is incredibly fraught, over and above the life of a Death Eater to begin with. You would be required to commit murder, to torture, to participate in the blackest of rites, and you would be required to kneel before the Dark Lord in perfect submission and give Him no sign that you find Him abhorrent. The risk is twofold: that you could not do what you would need to do well enough to avoid giving yourself away, and that you would find the role you would need to play had come to consume you until you had forgot it was nothing but a role.

The intelligence we could receive from such a venture would be incredibly valuable. I do not wish to discourage you from following such a path, if you — or any of your cohort — felt you could succeed at such a pretense. But it is not something to approach without full knowledge of what it will entail.


If you, or any of the others, are seriously considering such a pursuit, I strongly recommend that you see me. There are certain memories you ought see first.

You would also, of course, need to overcome the hysterical objections of the rest of the Order about putting yourselves in danger, or about what you would need to do in such a role. Of that,

I will say little.

As to your subjects, I would consider Dark Arts, Defence, and Charms absolutely necessary (though Charms with your current professor will undoubtedly fail to cover the necessary elements), and Potions at NEWT-level can impart significant skill in research and co-operative work. Transfiguration, though less helpful in the tasks you will find yourself called to, would be logistically useful; you would have excuse to consult with Albus frequently. Should you wish an additional subject, flip a coin between Creatures and Herbology; I would not consider either vital.



 **[alt\\_harry](#) at 2013-06-25 03:18:35**

*Re: Private Message to Mr Snape*

Okay.

I'll keep that in mind.

I think Draco's probably the most likely.

I'd rather

If it looks like things are going that way, I'll make sure he talks to you first.



 **[alt\\_severus](#) at 2013-06-25 03:29:05**

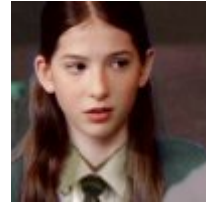
*Re: Private Message to Mr Snape*

Please do. I would not wish to encourage any of you into such action -- but I would not wish to discourage you precipitously, either.

And yes, Mr Malfoy is one of the few I would say could achieve success at such a role.

**2013-06-24 11:54:00**

*Order Only: Private message to Severus Snape and Madam Pomfrey*



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)

Right, so, Careers Advice. I had Madam Pomfrey come to my real school careers advising session but I didn't have my OWL scores then, and now I do.

Ancient Runes: O  
Astronomy: O  
Care of Magical Creatures: O  
Charms: O  
Dark Arts: A  
Defence: E  
Herbology: E  
History of Magic: A  
Potions: O  
Transfiguration: O

Obviously I'm going to go on in Potions, Transfiguration, Charms, and Herbology. I wish I'd revised a little more in Herbology but hopefully I can get an O on the NEWT. And obviously I'm going to drop History of Magic.

That leaves Defence, Dark Arts, Astronomy, Ancient Runes, and Creatures. There are people who try for more than eight NEWTs but it's not generally recommended. Of those five, which would you expect to be most useful to me as a Healer, and which would you expect to be most useful to me as an Order member?

Professor Dolohov has told me that if I enroll in Dark Arts and wish to adhere to the ethical requirements of a Healer, he will respect that and not require anything of me that would violate this. He also seems convinced that the problems I had on the OWL practical won't be an issue on the NEWT -- I'm not at all persuaded of this but some of the material he mentions planning to cover would be useful to learn in its own right.

Astronomy is honestly not particularly useful to me as a subject, I think, but Professor Sinistra likes me a lot and it's worth taking it to maintain that relationship.

Ancient Runes is useful and also I really like the subject.

I think I should probably stick with Defence for obvious reasons.

Creatures -- I really liked my Care of Magical Creatures class, and I got an O, but it may be the least useful.

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 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-24 17:26:38](#)

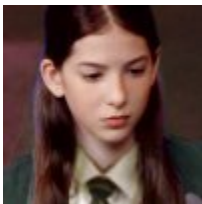
*Private message to Mr Snape*

Madam Pomfrey doesn't want me to take Dark Arts. She ESPECIALLY doesn't want me to take Dark Arts from Professor Dolohov.

Honestly right now it's hard to be in the same room with him. But I think by autumn it'll be better.

And he has contacts no one else has. Madam Pomfrey will do her best to help me get into St Mungo's apprenticeship programme but Professor Dolohov could probably pull the strings to make it happen, you know? All the Councilwizards have good contacts but Professor Dolohov doesn't just have 'fellow Councilwizards who wish to stay on his good side' he has 'lifelong friends and devoted allies who will do anything for him.'

I don't think the rest of the Order entirely takes this seriously, as something to cultivate that would be valuable, and it's because ALMOST NONE OF THEM WERE SLYTHERINS. So I thought I would ask you what you think.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-24 17:29:54](#)

*Re: Private message to Mr Snape*

Oh, and here's what he said about the curriculum.

'My NEWT classes are a departure from OWL-level classes. Over the two-year curriculum, we explore ritual and cooperative magic, cursed and magic-infused objects (the making, safe handling, and disposal thereof), warding, runework, and certain non-Western traditions, in addition to delving more deeply into the history and theory of the Noble Arts than we have had time to do thus far this year. In addition to that, though, I will also be teaching fundamental and underlying skills that should serve you in excellent stead in your future endeavours no matter what they might be: logic, rhetoric, how to perform research, how

to evaluate sources, and how to compose an argument (and evaluate and refute an incorrect argument put forth by others).

Whatever profession you pursue, a mastery of those skills will open doors for you -- as will, I hope it is not immodest to say, a reference from me to any post-Hogwarts educational programme you choose to pursue. I will, of course, provide that reference for you no matter whether you choose to continue in my subject, but I will be able to do so in better detail the more time we have together.'

Do you understand why I want to take the class? It's not because I want to learn to curse people; it's because he's going to teach us things that no one else covers.

(I'll admit that the bits on cursed objects are particularly interesting. I like making things.)



 [alt\\_severus](#) at [2013-06-25 00:35:19](#)

*Re: Private message to Mr Snape*

Madam Pomfrey knows far better than I what Healer's training will entail, and what might jeopardise it. The problem of Dark Arts practise interacting poorly with healing magic is well known, however; it is why the Death Eaters have never counted Healers among their innermost ranks. If Dolohov is willing to allow you into his class under Healer's Oath, he is not looking towards your achieving the NEWT in the subject: he is almost certainly looking towards the future, and attempting to raise his own Healer who will be beholden to him, either for the benefit of himself and those to whom he is close, or for the Dark Lord's company as a whole.

This is not a reason to reject his offer, but it is something to consider. If you are willing to accept his sponsorship, and accept the fact that he will undoubtedly expect a return on his patronage in the future once you have achieved your licensure, that patronage will, without question, open doors for you that would otherwise remain closed.

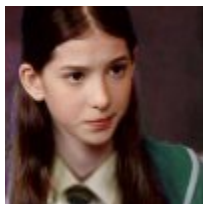
Given those desires, I do believe you can count upon him to hold to the bargain he proposes. What you must consider, in addition to whether you are willing to accept the unspoken bargain he is offering, is twofold: whether you believe you can study with him,

knowing what you now know, and whether you are willing to endure the derision of your fellow students for what they will inevitably view as special treatment.

If you believe you have the fortitude to remain in the classroom, given those considerations — and, likewise, if you believe you can remain in his classroom and avoid being coaxed into seeing him in the best light possible, remembering who and what he is — I would indeed advise you to do so. Antonin Dolohov is a charming, seductive monster, against whom one must remain on guard at all times. He is also, as you note, incredibly well-connected. The topics he will be teaching are compelling indeed, but you could learn those things elsewhere (though not, of course, from the Order: though I am capable of teaching many of them, we would likely be met with stern disapproval should we try). The value in Dolohov's class would be the doors he would open for you afterwards, and in the value of having him think of you as a protégée.

The remainder of the Order is indeed not used to thinking in such pragmatic and consequentialist fashion, and your choice to continue in Dolohov's class would be viewed with a great deal of disapproval. I will, of course, speak up to defend it.

Meanwhile, allow me to say that I am pleased you achieved such excellent results in your Potions OWL, and must congratulate you on the outcome of your hard work. Should you wish the chance for further extracurricular study, I would be pleased to continue working with you as opportunity permits.



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-25 01:54:07](#)**

*Re: Private message to Mr Snape*

Thank you, sir. This is very helpful.



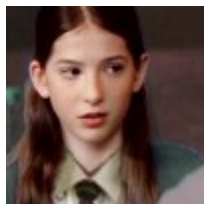
 **[alt\\_severus](#)** at **[2013-06-25 02:03:06](#)**

*Re: Private message to Mr Snape*

I am pleased that you find it such.

Meanwhile, I trust you all have been keeping up with your Occlumency exercises. I cannot say

when I will be at leisure to assist with concentrated lessoning over the summer, but if you or any of your cohort are in need of practise, perhaps something can be arranged.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 02:09:53](#)

*Re: Private message to Mr Snape*

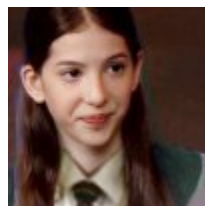
Oh, yes. I do the exercises every day and try to occlude deliberately if I'm around someone I don't trust.



 [alt\\_severus](#) at [2013-06-25 02:15:19](#)

*Re: Private message to Mr Snape*

Excellent. That habit will serve you in good stead -- particularly as you and your yearmates begin to step further into the roles you appear to be assigning yourselves.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 02:30:16](#)

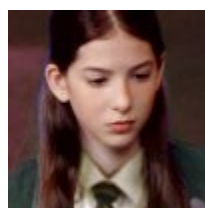
*Re: Private message to Mr Snape*

Yeah, about that.

Pansy is thinking about trying to pursue a career in the Department of Mysteries.

Because clearly we need to know what they're up to and if the Order has anyone working there, they haven't said.

I'm not even sure if there's anyone in the Order that would be good to ask. She isn't either. And of course Mr Lupin said 'for Merlin's sake no one tell the children we need a spy there' in the minutes a while back so I'm not sure she ought to post and ask generally although it's not as if she's thinking she'd like to break in again, this would be a long-term sort of goal.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 02:31:40](#)

*Re: Private message to Mr Snape*

Honestly I think she should probably ask Mr Malfoy. I don't think he'd be particularly suspicious if she said she wanted to work in Mysteries. She had a tour there years ago

because she was interested in time travel, she could say she's been thinking about it ever since.

He'd probably mostly be relieved she doesn't want to be on the Council. After seeing Harry's memory I rather think he'd prefer to keep her as far away from it as possible. Draco, too.



 **[alt\\_severus](#)** at **[2013-06-25 02:57:52](#)**


*Re: Private message to Mr Snape*

I cannot advise more closely there; I have never known much about what goes on in Mysteries. From what little I used to know, they tended to recruit both generalists who have intermediate knowledge about many things, and specialists who focus in on the topics they tend to study with pinpoint obsessiveness. As it is unlikely Miss Parkinson will be able to feign that all-encompassing obsession on a subject likely to be of interest to the department, a broad interest and a demonstrated commitment to intellectual pursuits may suffice. My information is, of course, considerably out of date, and I do not know how the Dark Lord has changed things.

At one time, there was no door Lucius Malfoy's patronage would not open. I do not know if that is still the case. He would undoubtedly know more about what such a career would require, however.

I am not surprised he wishes to keep his son and his goddaughter far away from the Dark Lord's attention. Recent events undoubtedly sit uncomfortably upon his shoulders.



 **[alt\\_poppy](#)** at **[2013-06-26 00:48:01](#)**

*Private Message to Miss Perks*

That's a very strong set of marks. I trust you feel proud of your accomplishment!

I agree that you do have a dilemma about what to take and what to leave behind, and I do understand why you feel torn with respect to Professor Dolohov. (I'm less certain why you are reluctant to leave the subject itself alone: that is a conversation we ought to have, though I'm willing to leave it for another time, if you prefer.) With respect, then, only to Professor Dolohov himself, I wish to offer one



consideration that you seem not yet to have weighed.

It is true, as you've said in our previous conversations, that he is a powerful man with many allies and clients who wish only the opportunity to do as he might ask them. It is true that the recommendation he can promise you will open many doors, including those of the Academy of Healing Arts.

But, my dear, have you considered that the sway he holds today could vanish in an instant in this shifting and unpredictable world of ours. His power and life rest on the whim of a lord who is increasingly volatile and deadly even towards those who have supported him most faithfully. I do not believe that I am stretching the truth when I tell you that Professor Dolohov's position today is likely more precarious than mine or yours.

If he were to fall, it would not serve you at all well to have allowed yourself to be marked out as his chosen. If that were to happen, you would do far better to have kept a degree of distance between you. I cannot but think that the second choice he has offered you--to leave his course and to study only those matters most particularly relevant to the treatment of Dark Injuries--is your sounder course. I perceive that it is not what you wish to do, but I urge you to reconsider the assumptions upon which you've built your case in favour of continuing with a subject that is so fundamentally in conflict with your calling.

As for the other subjects from amongst which you must choose: I agree wholeheartedly that Runes will serve you well professionally and that Defence is necessary for other reasons. I'm surprised, however, that you are so quick to dismiss Creatures. By the same token that Defence may be of great use should we succeed in moving against the Protectorate, Creatures may become considerably more necessary for Healers in a time of war, flight, siege, or reconstruction.

While we can presently rely on Creatures specialists and commercial brokers to provide us with the animal organs and by-products essential to our potions, preparations, and other treatments, we cannot count on those providers if there is a significant disruption in the trade--or a significant change in our ability to operate in the open. You may well find yourself needing to track, trap, shear, milk, bleed, slaughter or otherwise process living creatures.

I might say, too, that I myself prefer to do as much of my own

collecting and preparing of plants and creatures as I am able. Those tasks constitute a large portion of my summer work, and I find them not only pleasant and stimulating, but also measurably beneficial to my brewing (the results are generally better when one has seen the process from beginning to end and not relied upon commercial preparations to short-cut the labour).

As for Astronomy, while there are surely intersections between that subject and our work, I agree that in your case, you have most likely mastered the relevant skills and knowledge already. I've really no opinion about whether you ought to continue Professor Sinistra's subject if you see no other reason for it than to please her. She will surely not cease to be fond of you should not pursue NEWT work, but I can't see any harm in it, either.

I'm happy to talk further about any of this, and I hope to see you at some point this summer. Are there plans being laid, do you know, for further training opportunities at the Black house or elsewhere? I will make every effort to tailor my itinerary to be present if there should be.

**2013-06-24 13:49:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private message to Pansy*




 **alt\_sally\_anne**

I'm on my way to the Burrow for supper tonight. Tomorrow I have to do the perimeter check on my broom in the afternoon and will be stuck having supper at the Strettons but I'm free all day on Wednesday. Maybe we're appreciating tea that day? If not do you want to get together anyway?

Are you going to ask them for careers advice? Other than 'you're probably not going to run a greenhouse'...



 **alt\_pansy** at **2013-06-24 18:58:38**  
(no subject)


I have a feeling Hitty would love to help us continue to Appreciate Tea back at our flat. After we go shopping to prepare for our extended Appreciation of Tea.



 **alt\_sally\_anne** at **2013-06-24 19:42:59**  
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Sounds good to me.

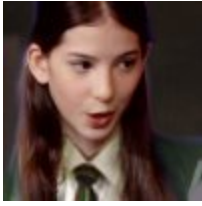


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And yes, I wanted to see what Mr Snape thought of things. Because he's asked me to help with some of his research which is

Well, I mean, it's really sort of ace. Actually.

And what they think about my trying for the Department of Mysteries, although they might not know how to get in, because none of them have yet. At least none that are still alive.




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I'm not sure who you'd even ask about Mysteries.

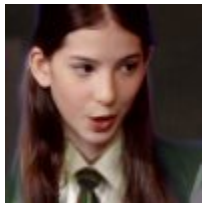
I asked Mr Snape for advice because I particularly wanted some thoughts from someone who's in the Order AND is a Slytherin. It's not that I don't like Gryffindors but sometimes their thinking is a bit two-dimensional, you know?



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-24 19:50:13](#)  
(no subject)

They do tend to bellyache about Dark Arts, don't they?

From what I've seen so far, Mrs Longbottom is great deal more practical than I thought she would be, but I'm fairly sure she's a Hufflepuff.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-24 20:04:57](#)  
(no subject)

She is.

Professor Sprout is a Hufflepuff too, obviously. Tonks is a Hufflepuff. And Madam Pomfrey is a Ravenclaw. Mr Snape was a Slytherin. Aurelia Archer's uncle was a Slytherin in the Order, but he died a few years ago.

Terry's a Ravenclaw but Hermione's a Gryffindor. Lee Jordan's a Gryffindor.

The entire Weasley family probably going all the way back to the founders: Gryffindors.

Mr Longbottom: Gryffindor  
Sirius Black: Gryffindor  
Remus Lupin: Gryffindor  
Professor Dumbledore: Gryffindor  
Headmistress McGonagall: Gryffindor  
Professor Macnair: Gryffindor  
Nick Towler: Gryffindor

The Mysterious Rudy: who knows, but I'd put my money on Gryffindor

What with five Slytherins (even if one of us is really a Gryffindor), two Hufflepuffs, a Ravenclaw, oh and yes THREE MORE GRYFFINDORS, we doubled the House diversity of the Order of the Phoenix when Professor Dumbledore swore us all in.



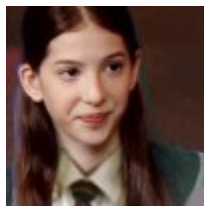
 **[alt\\_pansy](#)** at **[2013-06-24 20:23:28](#)**  
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Your mum is sort of unofficial Order, isn't she? So there's that. And all the people who work for Bill. Besides Archer, I mean.

There's just a pile of people at Moddey Dhoo, and it's frightfully hard to tell who is what unless Mrs Longbottom says something like 'So and so brewed a potion' or 'such and such got her wand today.' There's that Stephen person, and Arabella somebody, who's the lady in charge, I think? They're magical, and there's a few other people they talk about a lot only it's not clear at all who has wands and who doesn't. Except for that one mad-sounding one who comes up with weapons. Fu Lee. I'm sure he's a Muggle.

Can Muggles brew potions?

I don't think so.



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-24 20:31:13](#)**  
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Oh yeah, that's a good point. I think Mum is in the Order, but she doesn't have a journal (she's never had one) so she can't use the Order lock. She's a Ravenclaw. And I forget about Bill's

analysts.

But I also forgot about Kingsley Shacklebolt (Gryffindor!)


So yeah.

Anyway at Moddey -- a lot of the muggleborns there never had a chance to be Sorted so they don't even really know. Like Lisa

Turpin, she ought to be at Hogwarts with us, and who knows what House she'd be in? Anyway, Arabella is actually a squib, I saw that mentioned somewhere when I was reading back through all the Order posts. And Fu Lee is a muggle.

There ARE potions muggles can brew, according to my mum, because there are potions that are just mixing, or just mixing at certain temperatures (like cooking), and the person making them doesn't need any magic. That's sort of how muggle medicine works, I think.



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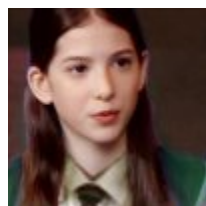
Really?

A squib?

That's rather unexpected. Isn't she their secret keeper? I know she has to meet everyone before they come in.

I thought she was magical for sure. Oh, and there's the people who died in Ireland. And the other people that go with Mr Shackbolt all the time. Caradoc somebody. And Dorcas? Or Emmaline? The one who didn't die in Ireland.

And yes, I suppose that makes sense with the potions. Only I thought they were like runes, where just any Muggle carving them wouldn't make them active, it'd take a magical person doing it to make them work.



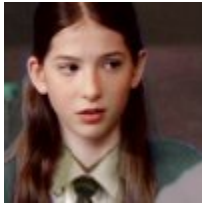
 **alt\_sally\_anne** at [2013-06-24 20:42:36](#)  
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Yeah she IS their secret keeper. I guess you can be a squib and still do it.

My money's on Caradoc somebody, Dorcas, Emmeline, and everyone who died in Ireland being Gryffindors and more Gryffindors but I'm willing to acknowledge I might be totally wrong about that.

And muggles can't make real potions, I mean it is like runes. But there are things muggles can make that are like potions,

that's what I meant. I don't know what else you'd call them. But like the tisane I made for Capper, a muggle could make that just as well, you know? There are things muggles make that are like that only quite a bit more complicated.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 02:13:46](#)  
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RIGHT.

So, are you doing anything Sunday? Because I think what you're doing on Sunday is coming to dinner at the Burrow. Because that's what I'M doing on Sunday and I really think it would be good if YOU WERE ALSO THERE.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-25 02:17:28](#)  
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Of course it's what I'm doing!

Why would it be good if I was also there?

Other than the obvious, I mean.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 02:23:57](#)  
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I like Mrs Weasley.

I have always liked Mrs Weasley and she has always seemed to like me reasonably well.


But now

Now she APPROVES of me. It's unnerving. I think it unnerved Ron, too. WE HAVE BEEN SNOGGING EACH OTHER FOR LESS THAN A MONTH.

I suppose this is why it's normally a big deal to Meet Someone's Parents only I have known Mrs Weasley since FIRST YEAR so...I don't want to stop going to the Burrow!

Yeah anyway. She invited me back on Sunday. You need to come. I think that will help.

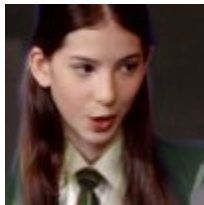


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Right. I can do that.

So has she already told you what she wants you to call her future grandbabies?

You just know they're going to be ginger. And Gryffindor. Just so you're prepared.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 02:35:18](#)  
(no subject)

Oh bloody hell maybe I should stay home on Sunday and pretend I'm ill.

She wasn't THAT bad, thank goodness. She just beamed at me a lot. And once she got a little misty-eyed. ~~You know what? She CLEARLY hasn't thought through the possibility of Slytherin Weasley children if we get married and OH GOD I REFUSE TO THINK ABOUT THIS~~



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-06-25 02:44:01](#)  
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I think it's lovely she's happy.

But I can see how it'd be weird to be around.

So we are BOTH going to dinner next Sunday, and I'm bringing a fruit basket, and we can talk endlessly about everything except your future ginger babies. Who would be utterly brilliant, by the way. And thoroughly spoiled by their Auntie Pans.






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WE HAVE BEEN SNOGGING FOR LESS THAN A MONTH. LESS THAN A MONTH.



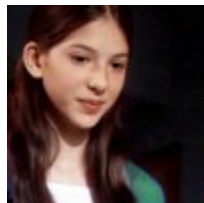
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I'm just pulling your hair.

It's great that he stopped being thick about it. Honestly. ~~And that you FINALLY~~

We would talk while we were waiting for you to walk up from your dad's, and he really does like you. I mean, you can just tell.

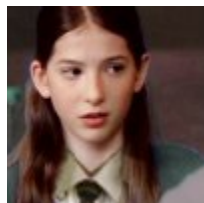
And I'm glad.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 02:57:22](#)  
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Well, thanks.

I'm glad, too.




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By the way, I asked Mr Snape about Mysteries, since I know you're interested, and whether the Order knows anything about what would be useful for getting a job there. He didn't really know. He says that in the past, they recruited some generalists who were interested in everything, and specialists who were totally obsessed with some particular thing (like poor Capper with Arithmancy -- if he hadn't been a half-blood maybe that's where he'd have ended up.) But that was a LONG time ago, anyway.

Have you thought about asking Mr Malfoy? You got that tour all those years ago and met Mr Rookwood. It wouldn't be

suspicious if you told him you've been thinking about that again.

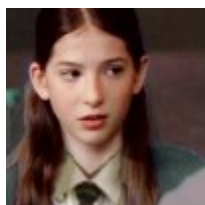


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Yes, that's a good point.

I'm not sure what he'd think about it, but it's worth asking him, I think.

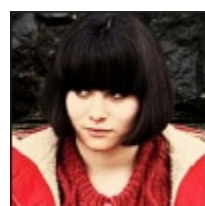
I'll have to sort out how to approach it. I don't think he'd be quite as old-fashioned as Slughorn is, though.



 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-25 03:28:16](#)**  
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Slughorn was just ridiculous.

And yeah, I think it's worth asking him. Unless you think he'd gossip to Dolohov -- that could be a little risky, considering. I mean he didn't see you there, but he saw me, and he probably guessed you were there somewhere.



 **[alt\\_pansy](#)** at **[2013-06-25 03:55:40](#)**  
(no subject)

Good point. Who knows with Dolohov, though? It might work in my favour.

**2013-06-24 17:07:00**

*Private message to Barty and Hopkirk*

All finished here. The muggle's mind was clear as water, and while his memory for specifics and names is not as desired, he has as an especially good memory for faces. None of them are known to me but they'll be known to others, no doubt.



 [alt\\_bellatrix](#)

Hopkirk, the sketch artist will be up within the hour. Get posters around NL by the AM. Wanted for Questioning Re: Dogstar Plotting, etc.

Barty - Busy? Let's go for a run.



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 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at **2013-06-25 03:46:38**

*Private Message to B Lestrage*

That was refreshing.

Had hoped the mess here would have resolved in the meantime, but no such luck. Sorry I came back to it.

Yaxley's gone another round with MH about wards and borders. Can't understand why he's protecting Pale. Interest from OL? Can't fathom why if that's it. Pale's been allowed to keep that unit for too long. Needed to be sacked after Ireland. Took you calling in Ekster and Brundage to pull Pale's arse out of the Solstice fire. Can't see what chips she's holding against Y or what she could promise him.

More of Y's arbitrary nonsense. Taking decisions purely to oppose Mafalda, and by extension...

**2013-06-24 20:14:00**

*Order Only: Private message to Severus Snape and Madam Pomfrey*



 [alt\\_neville](#)

My OWLs scores were:

Astronomy: A

Care of Magical Creatures: A

Charms: E

Dark Arts: A

Defence: E

Divination: A

Herbology: O

History of Magic: P (Yeah, I know, but I don't particularly care.)

Potions: E

Transfiguration: A

I spoke with Professor Sprout and a little bit with Professor Slughorn about career possibilities. I'm particularly interested in developing plant cultivars so that they can be used to make more effective potions, especially healing potions. I'm eligible right away to continue on for NEWTs in Charms, Defence, Herbology and Potions, and I'm going to apply to Professor Brutka and Professor Grubbly-Plank to continue on in Transfiguration and Care of Magical Creatures. I don't plan to appeal for further advancement in Astronomy or Dark Arts.

I'm not quite sure what to ask, exactly. Professor Sprout talked with me about garden design, and I like it, but I want to do something useful, to help the Order and its work. I think I'm getting better at my work in Defence, but I don't think I'll ever be a fighter with the quickest reflexes, but on the other hand, I really think I'm quite good at Herbology. Is this (studying plants as healing potion ingredients) the way I would be best be of use, or should I concentrate on something like studying plant genetics so I can work on increasing plant yields in food production? (I understand Regina Lee-Wilson is working on that at Moddey Dhoo.)

Is there anything I should concentrate on in the NEWT study for either Herbology or Potions that you can recommend?

What questions have I missed?

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 **alt\_severus** at [2013-06-25 02:06:39](#)  
(no subject)

The partnership between Potions master and Herbologist is a necessarily close one. Speaking only for myself, I can say that someone concentrating full-time on growing the rarer and more delicate ingredients would be quite helpful; Professor Sprout does what she can, but is constrained by her other obligations. Should you be interested in such a future, I would recommend you wax effusive at Horace about your plans, and be clear to him that you are continuing in Potions for what information you might find about what ingredients will be most useful; in exchange for future consideration in your growing he is likely to go easier on you in his grading.

One thing to keep in mind as you make your future plans: the Order is perpetually in need of funds. If you find that you are able to coax the rarer ingredients into health, you might find you are able to serve in fiscal, rather than martial, fashion. The approvals to sell openly might be onerous, but few have achieved success, and there is considerable market.



 **alt\_neville** at [2013-06-25 23:43:28](#)  
(no subject)

Ohhh, that last one is a really good point, sir. Thank you.

(Is there anything I can work on cultivating over the summer that might be of help? Although it would have to be something that can be grown openly in my Gran's garden. I know I can't grow fluxweed there.)



 **alt\_severus** at [2013-06-26 00:11:01](#)  
(no subject)

I will provide you a list once I have checked my stores, and the going rates for certain ingredients.


Though if you are able to grow calamus — *Acorus calamus*, not *Acorus americanus* — it will save Black's contacts some trouble in sourcing it every month.



 **[alt\\_neville](#)** at **[2013-06-26 02:11:20](#)**  
(no subject)

I will look into it, sir, thank you.



 **[alt\\_poppy](#)** at **[2013-06-25 14:30:52](#)**  
(no subject)

I quite understand your dilemma, Mr Longbottom. We all must consider how best we might contribute, given our abilities, our dispositions, and our limitations.

I suppose in the first place, I must advise you against setting your hopes on entrance to advanced study programmes or research apprenticeships beyond NEWTs, even in Herbology. For that sort of professional training you would need to have had a far better showing across the board in order to demonstrate aptitude for advanced work.


I confess that I'm surprised Professor Sprout did not press you to apply yourself more avidly to Astronomy, as the earth-facing applications of that subject are so necessary to Herbology, but what's done is done. You are quite right, I think, that given Professor Sinistra's focus and your scant ability, the NEWT course would be of little use.

I do know that Professor Sprout thinks highly of your native aptitude for Herbology, and it's clear that your interests point you strongly in that direction. I rather think that you might do well to seek an apprenticeship in a well-placed commercial nursery or farm. By 'well-placed', I am thinking both in terms of proximity to various resources or institutions the Order might wish either to exploit, defend or surveil, and in terms of allies Professor Sprout and I have long been cultivating.

I believe that between us, she and I might find you a quite useful placement where you could serve our interests in a number of ways--contributing to the cultivation of food on one of the large commercial farms, for instance, and quietly cultivating allies there, while also, perhaps, borrowing a leaf from your grandmother's book and volunteering in a nearby camp or two. Alternatively, if you are truly interested in contributing in the area of medicinals, we have several

friends working and supplying us in that area, who would likely consider taking you on.



 **alt\_neville** at **[2013-06-25 23:47:47](#)**  
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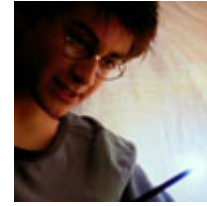
Thank you for your suggestions, ma'am.

I think I might write to Professor Sprout, to see she knows of anyone in a commercial nursery who have some summer work to offer. It wouldn't hurt to start building some professional contacts myself. Not full-time, of course, but perhaps a few hours a week.

It would really help if I could master apparating.

**2013-06-24 20:33:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*



 [alt\\_harry](#)

I went to see Hydra. And the House Elf was really freaked out when she saw it was me, and kept apologising over and over again for not letting me in the other day.

Anyways. She ~~cried a lot~~ let me in right away.

And Hydra and Rigel were playing a card game, and asked if I wanted to join in, so we played Exploding Snap, and then Cups, and then we played at being Knights and Maiden, and then I tried to get Hydra on her own, but she only wanted to play with Rigel. And he didn't want to stop playing.

So I said I had things I had to do, and Rigel got really angry. Like he started screaming that I needed to stay, because we had so many more games we had to play, and Hydra tried to get me to stay too, but I really did have to go, so I left.

She seemed happy? But busy? And like she was really interested in playing with Rigel and nothing else.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-25 02:38:09**

(no subject)

Huh.

She sounds okay, but that is very, very weird. I mean Hydra likes Rigel but I have played with kids that age and it is TIRING. And it's not as if he doesn't have a nanny!



 [alt\\_justin](#) at **2013-06-25 02:41:04**

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Harry,

Thanks very much for checking on her. I agree, Sally-Anne, it does sound jolly well strange.

Perhaps Remy and I could go tomorrow. I've only met Rigel once

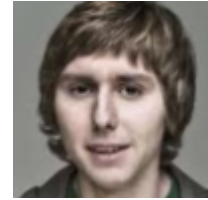


before and it was a whole year ago.

-Justin

**2013-06-24 22:55:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good: Private Message to Dux*



Hullo, Dux,

I hope storming the castle went well. But Rigel has to sleep sometime, hasn't he?

 [alt\\_justin](#)

I'm quite glad you seem to be enjoying yourself with him, however.

Do you think Remy and Alfie and I might visit tomorrow?

-Justin

**2013-06-24 23:12:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*  
*Private Message to Sally Anne*



I'm sorry.

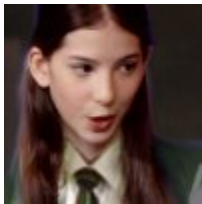
That was really-

 [alt\\_ron](#)

Are you cross? Or- I dunno.

I'm- I can't believe she was so- I mean, even for Mum.

Yeah. I'm sorry.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-06-25 04:42:40**


*(no subject)*

Of course I'm not cross.

I don't think she even realised--

well, anyway. I told Pansy she's coming along on Sunday, I hope that's alright. With both you and your mum.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at **2013-06-25 04:52:13**

*(no subject)*

No, that's the thing. She didn't have any idea how embarrassing-

Ugh.

And when she started in about dust-repelling charms and pot-scouring ones...




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I'm sorry! She got me onto runes and runes are interesting even when they're housework related!

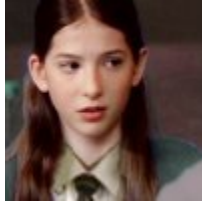
I didn't mean to make her all misty-eyed or ~~embarrass you worse than~~ Maybe next time we can talk about something safe like Quidditch.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-25 05:02:21](#)  
(no subject)

You and runes!


Yeah. Quidditch should be safer. Or creatures. We could get her talking dragons, and Charlie, and all. That's pretty interesting, and she might say something we haven't heard yet about what the Order knows about Stornoway and the wards.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 05:05:48](#)  
(no subject)

Not if Ginny's there. But the dragons are really interesting, even if she can't mention the wards.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-25 05:08:33](#)  
(no subject)

Ugh.

You're right.

We should've got her onto that tonight. It was lucky Gin was off wherever. With Honoria Sandoval, I think.

I wonder what Sandoval's parents think about that, actually. Not much, I'd guess. Gin never says, but, well.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 05:13:06](#)  
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About the wards, or about the Lord Protector, or what? They immigrated here from Spain, you know, so I assume they like it here.

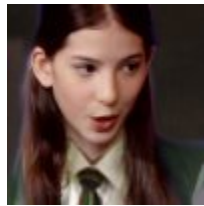
Honoria's not too bad, but Lana was a nightmare. I wonder how she'd have got on with Umbridge?



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No, about Honoria wanting to bring Ginny along to theirs.

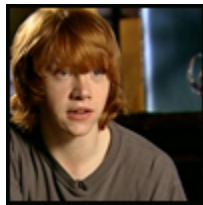
I don't think they'd be very pleased.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 05:17:53](#)  
(no subject)

Oh, got it.

I always imagined Lana Sandoval grew up in some huge enormous castle of a rich-person house. So maybe Honoria and Ginny just stay at one end and the rest of the Sandovals are at the other.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-25 05:25:39](#)  
(no subject)

Actually, Gin says their house isn't that large, but she went on and on about how amazing it is, anyway. She said there's a room that's all tiled and has a pool with a fountain in it.

Inside the house. And another room that's got something to do with it's having been taken out of a harem in Turkey or Persia or somewhere.

And I guess there's a carriage house, too, that Orion lives in now, and the grandparents live just behind in a really big house with secret passages that Honoria and Gin played Sneak Thief in one time.

Yeah, Honoria's all right. It's just the rest of them are right snobs.




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Yeah.

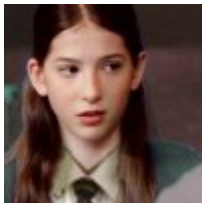
Did you know I saved old Mrs Sandoval's life once? After the QWC bombing. Didn't make Lana any nicer to me, though. Orion's never given me any trouble, at least, maybe he appreciated that I patched him up too? (He wouldn't have died without me being there but their Gran would have.)



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Lana Sandoval's a nasty piece of work.

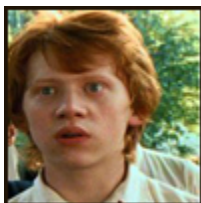
And her gran's lucky you were there. Figures they weren't even grateful.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 04:52:51](#)  
(no subject)

This is probably why usually people don't go meet someone's parents until they've been dating for AGES. Only I already knew your mum and I've eaten at your house loads of times, so...

Anyway I don't want to stop coming over so hopefully, oh, I don't know. Hopefully your mum will get used to the idea and beam at me a little less.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-25 04:56:47](#)  
(no subject)

No! Don't stop coming over. I mean, I can tell her-

I don't know what I'll tell her, but I'll think of something to say to get her to stop... that won't hurt

her feelings...

At least the Fool was good.

Told you it probably wouldn't be pie. No idea what's up with that.

Though, I bet if you asked, she'd make one for Sunday!



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 05:00:49](#)

*(no subject)*

Don't say anything, it'll be fine. We'll just bring Pansy on Sunday and I think even just having an extra person there will help.

Anyway if I ask for pie it'll just encourage her so I'd probably better not!



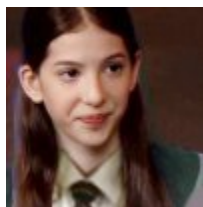
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Definitely bring Pansy. Have you tried Apparating with her, by the way? We could try again then. And if Bill or Charlie turn up, one of them might be able to tell you something you're not already

trying.

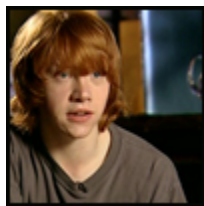
And, yeah. You have a point about that.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 05:06:46](#)

*(no subject)*

I'm not going to try apparating unless I know Madam P's available in case I splinch myself.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-25 05:11:56](#)

*(no subject)*

You're sticking to that, then?

Hmph.

Passing up brilliant instruction from people who've just learned and can still remember the triggers...

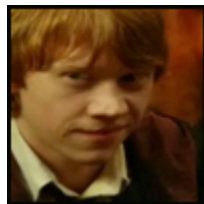
Oh, well.




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I am a cautious Slytherin who is perfectly aware she'll be completely unable to apparate unless she KNOWS a Healer's going to be able to come and patch her up if she meets with

disaster!



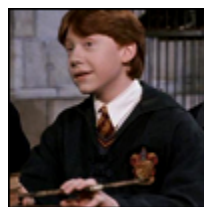
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And I'm a Gryffindor who thinks there's no point meeting Disaster when you can just tell him to bugger off and mind his own business!



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 05:18:26](#)  
(no subject)

I think that strategy only works for Gryffindors.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-25 05:27:54](#)  
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Slytherins just need to figure out what they can use to bribe Disaster off with to make him figure it's not worthwhile messing you about.

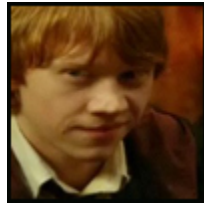





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That really would be IDEAL.

I'm not sure what a good bribe would be for Disaster, though, I mean what does Disaster want?



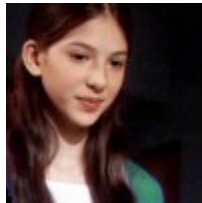
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The password to Ravenclaw's common room?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 05:36:01](#)  
(no subject)

Ha!




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-25 05:39:55](#)  
(no subject)

I need to go to bed. I'll think about how to bribe Disaster tomorrow.

See you at Tea Appreciation.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-25 05:43:29](#)  
(no subject)

Yeah. I'll see you there for sure.

**2013-06-25 21:37:00**

*Private message to Lucius Malfoy*

Our Lord has called me back to public service.

I'm going to need an assistant to put Protectorate Affairs in order. What do you think of Bill Weasley?



 [alt\\_corax](#)



 [alt\\_lucius](#) at **2013-06-26 03:39:43**

*(no subject)*

Generally, I don't think of him.

Have you consulted Stephen? Believe he found Weasley primus to be diligent, discreet and capable if somewhat maudlin.



 [alt\\_corax](#) at **2013-06-26 03:43:07**

*(no subject)*

What do you think of his brother? It's his brother who's your assistant, right?



 [alt\\_lucius](#) at **2013-06-26 04:07:44**

*(no subject)*

Yes.

For - two years, nearly. (That long?)

Which ought to tell you all you need to know, actually.

And don't get any ideas.



 [alt\\_corax](#) at **2013-06-26 04:11:34**

*(no subject)*


I wouldn't dream of poaching your clerk, Lucius. It's why I asked about his brother, instead.



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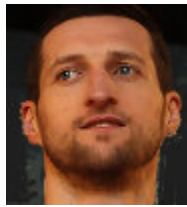
Though I'm sure you're the sort of excellent boss who naturally inspires loyalty in his subordinates, in any case.




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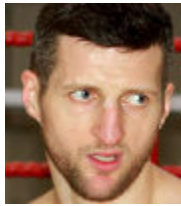
When they are no longer loyal, they soon find they cease to be in my employ, that much is true.

In this case, he is a project that is coming along nicely. And he would be entirely ill-suited to your aims.



 **[alt\\_corax](#)** at **[2013-06-26 04:26:50](#)**  
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Given that what I really need is a guide to Protectorate Affairs -- you're right.



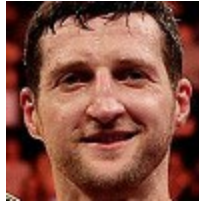
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Aside from the one you killed, at least.



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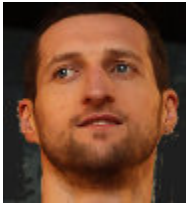
You know me better than that, Corax. Hooper was not the first to cross me and find my severance a ... permanent one.



 [alt\\_corax](#) at [2013-06-26 04:29:22](#)  
(no subject)

Anyone who crosses a Councilwizard deserves what he gets.

Especially if they're supposed to be working for us.



 [alt\\_corax](#) at [2013-06-26 03:44:51](#)  
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And yeah, Stephen seemed to think he was fine.

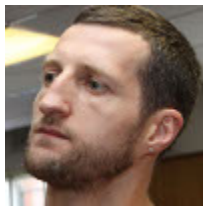
Stephen's sentimental, though. Look how he treats that half-blood fostered with him.




 [alt\\_lucius](#) at [2013-06-26 04:06:02](#)  
(no subject)

His treatment has already borne fruit. Finnigan comported himself quite well when called upon to perform the binding rite.

On the other hand Weasley certainly managed to bring Stephen up to speed in next to no time.



 [alt\\_corax](#) at [2013-06-26 04:10:31](#)  
(no subject)

Well, that's promising. Our Lord wanted a fresh perspective on Protectorate Affairs, not an insider. But I'm going to need an insider just to tell me who most of these people are, and what exactly they're supposed to be doing all day.



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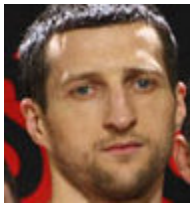
Did He?

Well.

Yes, you'll certainly need someone competent to keep you on track.

Weasley might be too ... approachable for your purposes.

At least you won't have competition for the witches.



 **[alt\\_corax](#)** at **[2013-06-26 04:23:53](#)**

*(no subject)*

Yeah, I'd got the impression Stephen thinks he might be queer. (And you'd expect Stephen would know.)



 **[alt\\_lucius](#)** at **[2013-06-26 04:26:48](#)**

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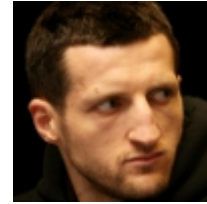
Indeed. He's certainly had enough experience raising sons with ... alternate appetites.

If you think you can use Weasley, by all means, give him an interview. See if he'll do.

**2013-06-25 23:46:00**

*Private message to Bill Weasley*


Stop up and see me as soon as you arrive tomorrow morning. You'll find me in the office that used to be Dominic's.



 [alt\\_corax](#)



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 [alt\\_bill](#) at **2013-06-26 11:42:30**  
(no subject)

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I shall do so. I get in at around 8:30.

**2013-06-26 07:41:00**

*Private Message to Barty and Crispin*

Heads-up.

Corax Mulciber instructed by Our Lord to oversee Protectorate Affairs.



 [alt\\_lucius](#)

Likely he's enlisting Bill Weasley as aide. That could work to advantage; Weasley will have a window to their movements.

Still. Not sure of the full implications of this development.

Crispin, alert Rookwood if you will - quietly. Barty, shall arrange lunch or drinks alone with Cadmus and Ari sometime this week. See what you can learn from Yaxley.



 [alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#) at **2013-06-26 12:55:41**

*(no subject)*

Already done.

Don't count on anything useful from Y.

Views himself as 'above the fray'. May believe he has understanding with Corax. Foolish if he counts on that. But we knew Y's not what he was. Would not last one exchange with any of Tosha's NEWTs.

**2013-06-26 14:25:00**

*Private Message to Sarah Yaxley*

Are you free at supertime? Ned and I haven't seen you in weeks, and we thought-



Or even if that's no good with your schedule, maybe you and I could go for drinks? Somewhere quiet, though. Or outdoors. Since the weather's stayed fair. I hear they've opened the long bar at the palace of Westminster for the summer. We could go there.

 [alt\\_lana](#)

Just you, though. Is that all right? I mean, I want us to be able to talk about Montague, you know? We never get girlfriend time anymore.

So let's do that. We'll meet for drinks at half-five, and then if Ned and Jason wanted and if you've the time, we could try that Turkish place you mentioned. What's it called?



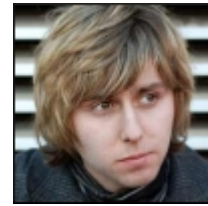
**2013-06-26 16:56:00**

*Order Only: Tea Appreciation*

Hullo, all,

Thanks for hosting us yesterday.

I say, it was well useful to go back over our notes from rescuing Sarah.



 [alt\\_justin](#)

And I'm especially glad we all had the chance to discover what was happening to Hydra, what! Perhaps I ought to explain.

Everyone in the Institute knows that since she got home, Hydra's been rather unavailable. She made a post that she couldn't talk to any of us because she was 'storming the castle'--none of us were sure what that meant. But then Harry went to see her at my request and found her playing nearly non-stop with her younger brother. Today I came to visit and convinced her to come with me to tea.

I say, nearly as soon as we got away from St James' Palace, she was altogether different. She rather...came back to herself, one might say. She realised she'd been...influenced, I suppose. Rather like the way she remembered being possessed by that bally awful diary. It's as if Rigel has the ability to make people do as he wishes. Not exactly like an Imperius curse, what, but more like...a desire to please him, if you follow me. Of course, that brought several other things about him into perspective. Like his nanny and why she can't bear to be apart from him, what.

Unfortunately it makes him rather a handful when one doesn't respond to him. But one can resist if one tries. I'm sure we'll be careful of Rigel in future.

Hydra, have you thought about telling your father? Someone ought to know who has the authority to curb his tendencies.

Oh, before I forget: Harry, when do you think you'll organise the first flying party? I'm not much of a flyer but Ron had something of the same idea. I think if Ron said he's hosting distance flight on Fridays, you might be able to tell your minders that you're with him, what? It might be a clever idea to become more comfortable on a broom.

I shall have to find excuses for Remy and Alfie not to come along, if

we're going to do what you suggested.

-Justin


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 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-26 21:26:10](#)**  
(no subject)

Speaking from experience with four-year-olds I'm not sure how much 'authority' will help. It might still be worth telling your father, though, Hydra. (Are you reading again? You didn't go home and get roped into building with blocks again, did you?)

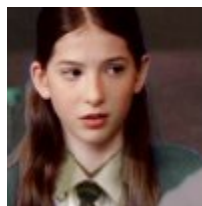



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*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Ah, no. I haven't been building with blocks.

Part of the reason it happened is because I was practising legilimency on Rigel. I figured that he's only three - almost four - so it can't be that much of an invasion of privacy. I was also curious to see if he's a natural occlumens, too. Well, I think legilimising him is what made his influence on me so profound. And I think it has a strong effect on Mrs Baylock because she's been around him more than any other person.

Sorry to use the other lock, but none of the adults know that I'm a legilimens, except Professor Brutka, and maybe Mr Snape. I don't know if I want the rest to know.




 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)** at **[2013-06-26 22:26:52](#)**  
*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Ohhhhhh  
interesting.

Do you know if ordinarily legilimising someone makes the person doing it more vulnerable to Imperius? I mean would this work on your mum? Not that it would be a good idea to try it out.



 [alt\\_hydra](#) at [2013-06-26 23:01:07](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

It wasn't like being Imperiused, not exactly. I knew I could stop whenever I wanted to but I didn't want to. It seemed very important that we play as much as possible - because it was important to him, I think.

The best way to describe it is that because I legitimized him, I knew precisely what he wanted and how strongly he wanted it, and it took hold of me.



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-26 22:13:47](#)

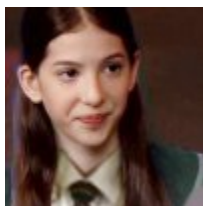
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Sally-Anne,

I didn't mean authority in terms of Rigel listening, what, so much as someone who can reassure others that they may ignore Rigel without negative repercussions.

That has to be a guardian or parent, if you follow me. And somehow I doubt Hydra's mother would care to curb her son's natural talents.

-Justin



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-26 22:31:35](#)

*(no subject)*

Oh, I see what you mean.

Yeah. That would be good. But you're right, I imagine Bellatrix Lestrange would think having a little kid who could instinctively cast Imperius was the most wizard thing ever.



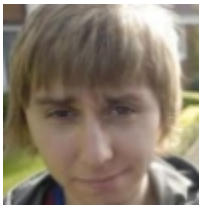
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*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good*

I think using Friday Flying as cover for scouting missions makes a lot of sense.

They might object if they don't think Harry's going someplace everyone knows is safe, like the Burrow.

Justin, you forgot to mention the other thing. Are you going to tell Mr Macnair?



 [alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-27 01:32:24](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good*

Hermione,

I hardly thought it my place, what. Particularly as we've never met.

I'll think of some way to tell Maggie, though.

-Justin

**2013-06-26 17:08:00**

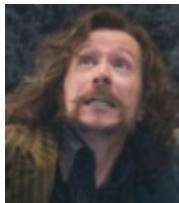
*New Job*


I'm moving offices.

My role now will be Senior Adjutant to the new Director of Protectorate Affairs, Mr Corax Mulciber. A fuller announcement about Mr Mulciber assuming the position will be in this evening's edition of the *Prophet*.



 [alt\\_bill](#)



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at **2013-06-26 22:44:06**

*Order Only*

WHAT?



 [alt\\_bill](#) at **2013-06-26 23:07:39**

*Re: Order Only*

Yeah. See my comment below.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at **2013-06-26 22:49:29**

*Order Only*

He sent me a private message this morning and gave me an interview--of sorts--as soon as I came in. Apparently he was satisfied, because he immediately handed me a list of tasks to do: 'write up a report explaining what all these departments do that I run now. Make it brief because I don't want to have to spend a long time reading it but don't leave out anything important. Write a press release for the Prophet saying I'm the new Director for Protectorate Affairs. Also if there's anything going horribly wrong what with there having been no Director for Protectorate Affairs for a month, find out about it and let me know.'


He also told me to get a licence as soon as possible so that I can perform Crucio and Imperius.

You all do remember who this is, correct? He's the one who personally cut out the 'heart of the conquered, taken by right' at Lord Voldemort's ritual last month.

I mean, it'll be very good for the Order. But...

Now he's my boss.



 **alt\_bill** at [2013-06-26 23:19:02](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Charlie Weasley*

I hope to Merlin that the demand that I obtain the licence doesn't mean I'm expected to personally perform the spells. But I'm very much afraid that it does.

I asked him what my title will be. He said he 'didn't give a fuck,' and asked if I had any suggestions. And then...I may have made a mistake. I tried some of the sort of humor that worked so well with Rosier, to see how he'd react. Said I'd always privately thought of myself as Rosier's lackey.

He gave me a *look*, like such utter contempt, that I started to say I'd meant it as a joke, but he interrupted, saying he could just call me his office elf.

Shite. That's not the right way to start out with him.

So I poked up and suggested 'Senior Undersecretary to the Director of Protectorate Affairs.' He immediately said that wouldn't do; that's the title 'that bint' Umbridge used. Apparently he *does* give a fuck about my title after all.

So he dubbed me his 'Senior Adjutant.' Which has a military ring to it that may be a harbinger of things to come.

God, Charlie. He never even asked me if I wanted the job.

Well, there's no question I'll always be on high alert around the man. Because I find him unnerving as hell.



 **alt\_bill** at [2013-06-26 23:25:16](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Charlie Weasley*

And bloody hell. I shouldn't have said that about him asking me to get the licence where Mum could read it.

She's going to have kneazles.



 **alt\_charlie** at [2013-06-26 23:28:37](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Charlie Weasley*

Merlin.

Sounds to me like he'll be the type who wants you to do all the work, and he'll take all the credit, but the minute something goes wrong you'll be on the carpet.

Or worse.

Be careful, Bill. Because if he wants YOU to be able to torture and kill people, he won't shy away from doing the same to you.

I mean. Yeah, it's great for the Order. But what's great for the Order might not be very good for my big brother.

And yeah. If Mum pitches her usual, might be worth reminding her that you don't actually have a choice here.



 **alt\_bill** at [2013-06-26 23:35:16](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Charlie Weasley*

Oh, I will be careful, believe me.

He did tell me that part of his charge is to, get this, 'root out disloyalty.' Guess the LP's decided it's necessary to clean house at the Ministry after Selwyn, and so they put him in charge.

And stuck me right under him.



 **alt\_bill** at [2013-06-26 23:36:54](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Charlie Weasley*

And I can handle Mum.

It's just gonna be unpleasant for awhile.

The thing is...I don't know if I can handle doing those spells. Not even Dad had to do this.



 **alt\_bill** at [2013-06-26 23:37:55](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Charlie Weasley*

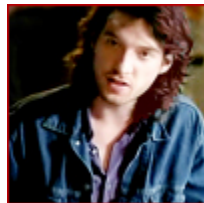
After last December, and that reaction I had to Dark Magic, what I'm really afraid of is...what if I like it?



 **alt\_charlie** at [2013-06-27 00:09:23](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Charlie Weasley*

I wonder if there's any way for you to look like you're trying, but you just can't do it. Or if that'd be too dangerous, and you'd wind up being in worse trouble that way.



 **alt\_bill** at [2013-06-27 01:27:21](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Charlie Weasley*

I dunno. I mean, I never have done it before, so it very well might be true.



 **alt\_charlie** at [2013-06-27 03:32:07](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Charlie Weasley*

Yeah.

Ugh. I've been thinking and thinking about this, and ... it's just too good an opportunity to pass up, isn't



it? And there's really no way out of it. It's not the sort of thing you decline, not and expect to have your head on your shoulders afterwards.

I'm so sorry, Bill. I'll help you out with whatever you need help with. And if you're worried about what this might mean for you, personally ... well, I'll be standing right behind you and if you start turning into something you don't like, or I don't like, I'll go dunk your head in the rainwater cistern until you snap out of it.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 05:30:03](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Charlie Weasley*

I'll hold you to that, absolutely. I wouldn't have made it through that night last December without you being there.

A thought just occurred to me, and it makes me almost sick. You know who could help me if I'm really going to have to do these spells?

Percy.

I bet he'd be just delighted to help me, too.

God.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 05:31:25](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Charlie Weasley*

There's part of me that's almost glad that Dad's not here to see this.




 [alt\\_charlie](#) at [2013-06-27 05:49:23](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Charlie Weasley*

Merlin.


Yeah. Of course he'd be able to help. And I bet he'd have plenty of advice on how to do awful things with a smile.



 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at [2013-06-27 02:07:17](#)  
*Re: Order Only*


If you want to get together this weekend to go over security and safety protocols again, I can make myself available. Might be a good idea.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 02:08:39](#)  
*Re: Order Only*

A very good idea, thank you, Kingsley. Yes, I would like to take you up on that.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 02:16:17](#)  
*Re: Order Only: Private message to Kingsley  
Shacklebolt and Frank Longbottom*


Did any of you ever cross wands with him, back in the day? Anything you can tell me about the man, anything that might help me deal with him, I'd be grateful to have.

He strikes me as being an utter thug. Selwyn mentioned him a time or two, and while I don't know much, I gathered that his--Mulciber's--faction has a reputation for ruthlessness.

I'd also like to talk privately with you and Frank and Alice. Given that I've been ordered to acquire a curse licence, I mean.

I'm afraid that I may be looking at making some difficult ethical decisions soon. It might help to talk about them in advance.



 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at [2013-06-27 02:19:52](#)  
*Re: Order Only: Private message to Kingsley  
Shacklebolt and Frank Longbottom*

Of course we'd be willing, my friend. I'll check with Frank and Alice to see if Saturday or Sunday works best.




 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-27 04:31:07](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Kingsley Shacklebolt and Frank Longbottom*

agreed. whatever works best for you, bill.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 05:35:41](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Kingsley Shacklebolt and Frank Longbottom*

I've arranged with Sirius to meet with him Friday evening to work on shielding and other mental exercises, and I'll stay over at Grimmauld Place Friday night. Could I come stay at Moddey and work with you Saturday night into Sunday?



 [alt\\_frank](#) at [2013-06-27 04:37:27](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Kingsley Shacklebolt and Frank Longbottom*

he let more than one person get away from a fight because he'd rather cruciate the shit out of them than use AK.

got emmy out of a tight spot just that way, actually. he had her cornered, and was laughing his head off, and I managed to get hold of her and apparate her out.

when we were working cases, before everything fell apart, we could tell whenever he'd got hold of someone if there were signs of torture on the bodies first. he could get inventive sometimes, but cruciatus was his signature.

he'd get two people at a time and take turns on them, making the other one watch. he let one of the poor bastards live once and he told us as much.

he's a piece of work, that one, and no mistake.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-27 02:12:17](#)


*Re: Order Only*

He

You're going to be working for THAT guy?

Ugh



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 02:21:35](#)

*Re: Order Only*

Yes. Unfortunately.

I'm trying to look at the bright side, though. If there's any program started to ferret out disloyalty at the Ministry (other than with MLE, I mean), I should know everything about it.

I may even be in charge of developing it. If we're lucky.




 [alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-27 02:14:15](#)

*Re: Order Only*

I remember. And he wasn't shaking, not at all. He was almost...grinning.

It sounds like he's one of the worst of all of them. As bad as the Carrows?



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 02:22:53](#)


*Re: Order Only*

A sadist, then.

Oh, joy.

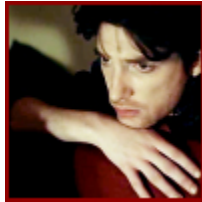
I will definitely watch my step.



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-27 02:23:38](#)

*Re: Order Only*

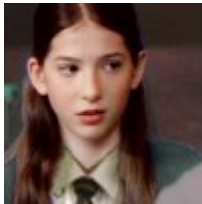
Oh, Bill.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 02:25:07](#)

*Re: Order Only*

Dad taught me how to be careful, Mum. You know that. And Kingsley and Frank and I will be going over things this weekend.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-27 02:26:09](#)

*Re: Order Only*

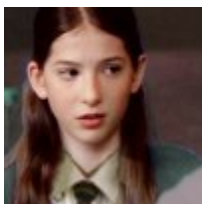
So if you're supposed to get a curse license, is that because he's going to want you casting Imperius and Cruciatu*s* on people? on WHO? Are you going to



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 02:35:34](#)

*Re: Order Only*

He didn't say why, but I suppose the implication is obvious.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-27 02:29:15](#)

*Re: Order Only*

Have you ever cast any of the Cardinals? I mean if you don't mind me asking. (You might have done it on animals. My father uses his wand to hunt, and he uses the killing curse for that.)




 **[alt\\_bill](#) at 2013-06-27 02:36:19**

*Re: Order Only*

No, I've never done it before.

I've certainly never wanted to do so.



 **[alt\\_terry](#) at 2013-06-27 02:45:50**

*Re: Order Only*

The git approved of him. Or at least he thought they saw eye to eye on things.

Guess that tells you something.



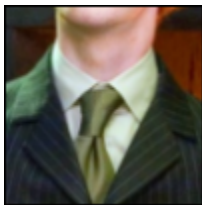
 **[alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at 2013-06-27 02:25:16**

*Re: Order Only*

yeah  
I think he enjoyed it

Amycus Carrow would have, too.

Wait, they chose HIM to replace Mr Selwyn? That's not good.



 **[alt\\_percy](#) at 2013-06-26 23:20:52**

*Private message to Bill Weasley*

Bill, that's wonderful!

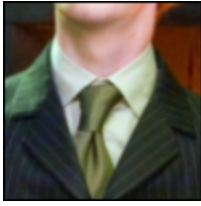


 **[alt\\_bill](#) at 2013-06-26 23:21:59**

*Re: Private message to Bill Weasley*

Yes, isn't it?

Don't know very much about the man. But it's encouraging that he apparently wanted to hire me after speaking with Stephen Rosier.



 [alt\\_percy](#) at [2013-06-26 23:22:50](#)

*Re: Private message to Bill Weasley*

You're really moving up. I'm very proud of you. We must do something to celebrate!



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-26 23:23:53](#)

*Re: Private message to Bill Weasley*

I'd be up for going out for dinner or drinks, sure.

For one thing, I'd be curious if you've heard anything about him from Lucius Malfoy.



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-26 23:44:27](#)

*(no subject)*

Bill! What an honour. I saw the notice in the evening *Prophet*.

Congratulations, dear. Your father would be so proud!



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-26 23:45:37](#)

*Order Only: Private message to Bill Weasley*

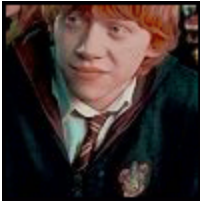
Isn't there any way out of it?!




 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-26 23:47:00](#)

*Re: Order Only: Private message to Bill Weasley*

Mum, I really don't think there is.



 **alt\_ron** at **2013-06-27 05:37:02**  
*(no subject)*

Congratulations, yeah?



**[2013-06-26 18:47:00](#)**

*Private Message to Lucius and Tosha*

It's been too long since you returned, Toshenka, and haven't come to see us.



Feel free to drop in tonight or tomorrow.

 **[alt\\_narcissa](#)**

Lucius feels sure you two have much to discuss.

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 **[alt\\_antonin](#)** at **[2013-06-26 23:01:55](#)**  
(no subject)

Yes, *milaya*; I hear and obey. I will present myself with hat in hand, humbly.

Meanwhile: Lyoushka, I am possessed of the evening edition of the Prophet. Corax Mulciber?

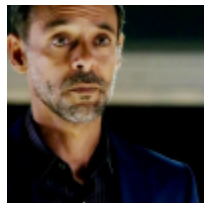


 **[alt\\_lucius](#)** at **[2013-06-26 23:07:18](#)**  
(no subject)

Hence the timing, *bratka*.

Much as Our Lord has found your expertise well-placed not only as an exceptional teacher but one who was able to bring an entirely iconoclastic perspective to the institution of Hogwarts, so He hopes that Corax's ... unique ... outlook will afford him the opportunity to reform that in the Ministry which has gone to rot.

Or so I am assured.




 **[alt\\_antonin](#)** at **[2013-06-26 23:17:15](#)**  
(no subject)

Let us hope that Our Lord's wisdom is simply not evident to His faithful on first glance, then.

I will be over shortly and we can discuss how best we might serve that goal.



 [alt\\_lucius](#) at [2013-06-26 23:23:46](#)  
(no subject)

It may not be irretrievably disastrous.

I've arranged to dine with Cadmus and Ari tomorrow; a 'class reunion' of sorts. One hopes Cadmus' influence may still be effective to contain Corax's natural lack of patience. Or restraint.

Have also instructed Crispin to shore up our control of Communications.

Also, you'll note Corax's choice for an assistant. Not inappropriate - or inopportune.



 [alt\\_antonin](#) at [2013-06-26 23:39:23](#)  
(no subject)

I'm not as familiar with the eldest Weasley, though Stephen certainly spoke highly of him.

If there's anything I can help you with, with Cadmus and Ari, do let me know. The brothers Mulciber have never liked me much, however; I'm likely more use elsewhere.

On my way. (This calls for the good vodka; I will be bringing a bottle with me.)

**[2013-06-26 21:31:00](#)**

*Order Only*

Congratulations, Bill!

Only not really. Good luck? Steady on? Maybe the Twins could help you produce an unpleasant health problem that would make you unsuitable for office work?



 [alt\\_lupin](#)



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at **[2013-06-27 02:35:08](#)**

*Private message to Padfoot and Tonks*

I think this is an utterly terrible idea.

I'm only half joking about going to the Twins.

Feel free to tell me I'm overreacting; it might make me feel better.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at **[2013-06-27 02:37:19](#)**


*Re: Private message to Padfoot and Tonks*

You're thinking of Bill's reaction to being at the ritual where Finnigan killed his mother, aren't you. That month or so when he was erratic and violent.

Yeah.

Maybe he can take a crash-course in Occlumency to block out the effects of dark magic.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at **[2013-06-27 02:40:31](#)**

*Re: Private message to Padfoot and Tonks*

Yeah, that would be exactly what I'm thinking about.

At least Corax isn't going to be murdering people's mothers in front of him on a daily basis, surely.

He got twitted about his complete lack of mental shields by Snape just months ago. Think he's been practicing? I'd suggest you work on teaching him the animagus transformation, but being able to

transform hasn't done much to protect Minerva from the mental rigours of being a double agent.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-27 03:45:26](#)

*Re: Private message to Padfoot and Tonks*


I'm not sure how skilled Mulciber is at legilimency or anything like that.

But he does definitely need something to keep him protected from performing Dark Arts.

Then there's the question of what Mulciber will do to him on a daily basis if he *isn't* able to carry out instruction. I don't really want to think about the consequences for him.

Yeah. I'll talk to him.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 03:50:18](#)

*(no subject)*

I already asked Kingsley and Frank and Alice for any advice they could give. Both about what they knew about Mulciber and what (I fear) my new responsibilities might be.

If you have any advice, I'm all ears. Really.




 [alt\\_gredforge](#) at [2013-06-27 03:54:05](#)

*(no subject)*

We can talk with you about what we can do, Bill.

Some of our products might really help, like the Extendable Ears, for example.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 03:55:19](#)

*(no subject)*

Those are certainly nift.

On the other hand, if I were ever caught using them, that could be pretty damning.



 [alt\\_gredforge](#) at [2013-06-27 03:57:09](#)

*(no subject)*

Afraid that's true.

Well, the Skiving Snackboxes, some of the things in there could be useful. We'll try to think of what else we can come up with, too.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-27 04:00:56](#)

*(no subject)*

I think we'd better work on those shields, Bill, or the kind of mental preparation needed for an Animagus transformation.

It's of more benefit than just to Occlude. It could help you keep your composure if you have to cast something particularly heinous. Or be around dark magic as it's being cast.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 04:15:56](#)

*Private message to Sirius Black*

Can you meet me soon so we can try?

The thing is, Sirius, I'm afraid that...that I'm really susceptible. To Dark Magic. Maybe it runs in the family, of all things. Percy has a taste for Imperius. Not Crucio at all; he hates it, but definitely Imperius.

As for me, I've never tried any of those spells. But that ritual, last December, it absolutely got its hooks into me. I think I would have gone mad that night if Charlie hadn't been there with me afterwards. And I didn't even do anything! I was just a bystander! What the hell is going to happen to me if I actually have to cast one of those filthy spells?

Yet how can I avoid it?

I'm se really going to need your help. I'll work as hard as I can.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-27 04:21:34](#)

*Re: Private message to Sirius Black*

Yeah. I know. I mean, I know you're worried about it and you're right to worry.

How do you want to do it? I can't Floo to the Burrow, not with your sister there.

Why not come Friday and instead of a pint we'll go to Grimmauld? You can stay the night so you don't have to worry about exhausting yourself.

I dunno. I grew up around it but I've never had a reaction like yours. But there have to be ways you can protect yourself.

Maybe you could take a nerve-calming potion if you really need one. I'm sure Poppy, Stephen or even the grease-haired prat could come up with something that wouldn't dull your wits.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 04:51:36](#)

*Re: Private message to Sirius Black*

Friday evening with an overnight stay works for me, yes. Thank you.

A nerve potion...it's an interesting idea, and it might be useful if I knew, in advance, that I was facing a single exposure to this stuff at a specific time. But I suspect it isn't going to work like that. For all I know, Mulciber pulls spells like these out every day. And although Poppy's potion last December was damned helpful, it's not something I can swill down every day just in case, you know?



 [alt\\_severus](#) at [2013-06-27 05:26:13](#)


*(no subject)*

I would not care to mark your susceptibility to the Dark Arts as a whole by your reaction to December's ritual, as that rite was of a branch of magic that is not often seen in daily use, but given how drastically you did react I would likely not be surprised should you continue to have difficulties.

In addition to Occlumency practise — which, while not geared specifically towards resisting the influence of Dark Arts on one's core personality, can help somewhat — there are several other methods of purification that can help minimise the damage. Should you be interested — and should you agree to diligence in their use, as I would not wish to waste my time — I will compile a collection of tactics that may assist.

It is not, of course, possible to prevent the harm completely, particularly should you prove as sensitive to those energies as I fear you might.



 **alt\_bill** at [2013-06-27 12:05:10](#)  
(no subject)

I would be very interested in any assistance you could offer, Severus, I assure you, and I would be diligent about putting anything you can suggest into practice.

After you ~~scolded~~ mentioned my shoddy occlumency last time, I went out hunting through second-hand bookstores for books on the subject. I discovered a copy of *The Mirrored Veil* by Giuseppe Umbra, in translation, and purchased it, and I've been doing the exercises. It would be interesting for you to test me again to see if I've made any progress.

I'm meeting with Sirius at 12 Grimmauld Place on Friday night, and with Kingsley, Frank and Alice on Saturday night at Moddey Dhoo. I have another commitment on Sunday night. Would you be available to meet with me on Monday?



 **alt\_severus** at [2013-06-27 22:33:53](#)  
(no subject)

Monday will do.

**2013-06-26 22:30:00**

*Order Only: The Ministry*

It seems like with Bill's new job, we should try to figure out who's on what side after Mr Selwyn died.




 [alt\\_hermione](#)

I mean, they're all still on His side, the Lord Protector's, I mean, but I think from things Professors Lestrangle and Dolohov have told Harry, they may not be as perfectly loyal as they were once.

And then there's things like Mr Malfoy's reactions during the resurrection rite, and things like that.

So, what do we know about Corax Mulciber? And what do you think it means that he's being put in charge of Mr Selwyn's area? (Isn't he an Auror?)



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-27 02:36:54](#)

*(no subject)*

Cadmus Mulciber is the Auror. Corax's brother.

I think Corax worked for MLE years ago, but didn't take to it. My general impression is that he's spent the last decade shaking down camp administrators, with a side of profiteering. On what, I'm not sure.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-27 02:45:10](#)

*(no subject)*

Yeah, Cadmus is the Auror.

Corax is just as vicious and homicidal as Carrow - only without the insanity, which is possibly worse. He's completely in control of his actions; he just likes to be cruel. That business you mention, Remus, the family don't need the money. It's an excuse for him to throw his weight round.

He's got no experience at the Ministry. The Prophet article makes it clear that he's there to clean house. 'A fresh perspective' is their quaint term for it.



As for what it means, it might actually work to our advantage. I don't think he'll be able to keep up a civilised front for long. It might make people more nostalgic for the old days, before everyone was in fear for their lives.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-27 03:06:27](#)  
(no subject)

This all sounds perfectly horrifying.

The Strettons saw the news about Mulciber in the Evening Prophet and were talking about it this evening. They liked Mr Selwyn and were pretty dismayed that Corax Mulciber is coming in, though they don't know he's vicious and homicidal, mostly they know that he doesn't seem to know much about Protectorate Affairs and they think he's going to make a botch of it. Admittedly their biggest concern is that he'll raise the costs of muggle labour.




 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-27 04:28:27](#)  
(no subject)

I'd like to think we could have won this thing without having a Mulciber take power and start murdering people.

Because he will do.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-27 04:42:08](#)  
*Private message to Dora*

Was it him or his brother? You always just said 'Mulciber.'




 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-27 05:03:23](#)  
*Re: Private message to Dora*

Cadmus--the older one--cast it. They were both

there, though.

It was him, though--Corax--that made me swear I was loyal.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-27 05:10:13](#)

*Re: Private message to Dora*

Ugh.



 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-27 05:13:04](#)

*Re: Private message to Dora*

I'll say.

I don't fancy one of them with Selwyn's job.  
That's horrible.

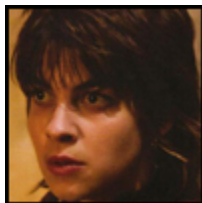
Suppose that's the point, though, really.



 [alt\\_sirius](#) at [2013-06-27 04:45:10](#)

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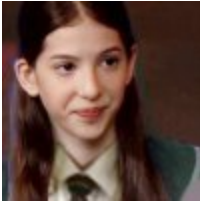
Sorry, love.



 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-27 05:06:38](#)

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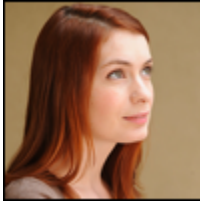
Cheers, you.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-27 03:07:42](#)  
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Does anyone know if Mulciber is mates with Strangeweal?

I don't think he's friends with Mr Malfoy.



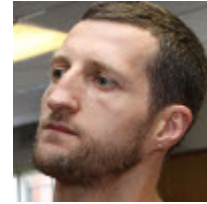
 [alt\\_alice](#) at [2013-06-27 04:19:00](#)  
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And how does he fit with Rosier, I wonder?

**2013-06-27 08:07:00**

*Private message to Bill Weasley*

Are you serious that we have an entire office devoted to squibs? Is that all those people do, mess about with those deformed parasites?



 [alt\\_corax](#)

Tell the idiot in charge of muggleborn labour I want a list of the existing muggleborns in service and a list of those in the camps, by Friday morning.


What exactly is Massopust's problem?



 [alt\\_corax](#) at **2013-06-27 13:15:42**  
(no subject)

Oh, and Yaxley decided to be 'helpful' by sending over an Auror. Try to keep him out of my way.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at **2013-06-27 16:05:33**  
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The lists will be on your desk by the end of the day.

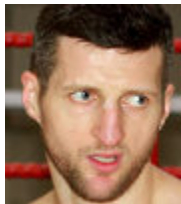
The Department of Squib Affairs was set up shortly after Our Lord reorganised the Ministry. One thing I'll say for them is that they are consistently underbudget: they don't waste too much money on the vermin. In the Protectorate's interest of *eliminating* squib births, they do truly play a key role: they provide experimental subjects, and they trace geneological information which may, we hope, eventually unravel the mystery of why squibs are born in the first place.

As I understand it, aside from the value of their labour, squibs have also proven useful at times, due to the fact that while they cannot perform magic, they can detect magical influences. Thus, I would hazard a guess that they are more appropriate for certain purposes (from the Department of Mysteries' point of view) where there's no point in risking a true wizard.

Massopust is a valuable employee who runs his department well, and he is whip-smart at handling the press, but he can be prickly and prone to petty jealousy. Selwyn kept him happy--mostly--by

occasionally indulging his ego.


Whether you choose to do that is up to you.



 **alt\_corax** at [2013-06-27 16:09:21](#)  
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I didn't ask you if he was valuable; I asked what his problem was. I don't have time to indulge petty tantrums.

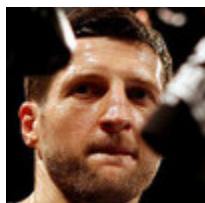



 **alt\_bill** at [2013-06-27 17:52:57](#)  
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My intention was to provide context on personnel relations which might be useful to you as a manager.

Currently, he's not very happy about being demoted and moved to Magical Transportation.

It will doubtless be something else next week.




 **alt\_corax** at [2013-06-27 18:10:24](#)  
(no subject)

He was just demoted? No wonder he acts like he's got a wasp's nest up his arse. What was he running before?

You know what, I'm going to need a list of everyone who's been moved in the last year, so I know what people USED to do as well as what they're doing now.




 **alt\_bill** at [2013-06-27 19:44:03](#)  
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Marcus Massopust was previously the Director of Education and Public Information.

I have a staffing roster from a year ago and another from six months ago, which will show you the people in the various positions at the time. I'll work up a report detailing

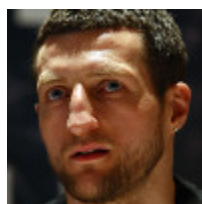
information concerning the various transfers, promotions and demotions.




 **[alt\\_corax](#)** at **[2013-06-27 20:29:58](#)**  
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Excellent.


You might just work out.



 **[alt\\_corax](#)** at **[2013-06-27 16:10:18](#)**  
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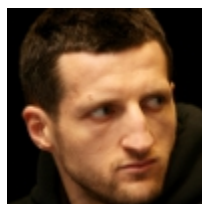
Also, I thought I told you to keep that damn Auror out of my way.




 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-27 17:53:26](#)**  
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Ah. Her. I thought


Understood.



 **[alt\\_corax](#)** at **[2013-06-27 16:12:50](#)**  
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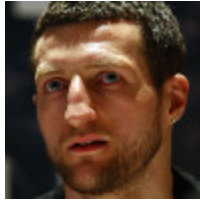
Also, what do you mean by 'detecting magical influences'? You sound like you're talking about some sort of dog that can sniff out potions ingredients. What exactly are they used for?



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-27 17:53:55](#)**  
(no subject)

Sorry if my language was imprecise. I meant that they are closer to actual people than muggles are: they can perceive magical creatures and are not fooled by muggle-repelling charms, for example.


Consequently, they make better experimental subjects when using a person won't do for ethical reasons.



 [alt\\_corax](#) at [2013-06-27 18:11:22](#)  
(no subject)


Tell that clown in charge of Squibs I want a report on where they're kept, what they're being used for, and how much it costs to feed them.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 19:44:38](#)  
(no subject)


Will do.



 [alt\\_corax](#) at [2013-06-27 16:15:02](#)  
(no subject)

Also, someone walked off with the office supplies that were in here -- at least, I assume the late traitor Selwyn wasn't getting by with a single broken quill, a used roll of parchment, and a half pot of dried-out ink. Have fresh supplies sent up and find out who took the old supplies.




 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 17:56:57](#)  
(no subject)

It could be that the supplies were taken by MLE as part of its investigation, to check whether spells could reveal any traitorous words the quills wrote, that sort of thing. If not MLE, I'm not aware of any way I can determine who might have taken them.

I'll speak with Ms Mortynson to see that your office is re-stocked as soon as possible.




 [alt\\_corax](#) at [2013-06-27 18:12:16](#)  
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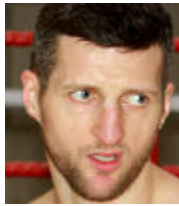
That's a fascinating theory. Makes me wonder why they left behind a quill that had clearly been used in the past, in that case.

See if the Auror knows if it's true.



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-27 19:45:03](#)**  
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I'll ask.



 **[alt\\_corax](#)** at **[2013-06-27 22:08:24](#)**  
(no subject)

Did you get an answer?



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-28 02:04:22](#)**  
(no subject)

Yes. She said that MLE took files and personal parchments and reports that were in the office, but not the supplies.



**[2013-06-27 10:25:00](#)**


*Private message to Bill Weasley*

I was told to come find you for the documents I need; where's your office? I need a staff list for Protectorate Affairs.



 **[alt\\_rachel](#)**



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-27 16:00:51](#)**

*(no subject)*

My office is 528-A on the map, if that helps, just down the hall from Mr Mulciber's. I have the staff list here somewhere, but it may take me awhile to lay hands on it; I moved offices yesterday and I'm still sorting

things out.

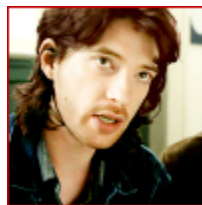
Uh, maybe the staff list needs to be redone? Because I don't recognise your name. Unless you've just started with the department, too, and it'll be on the next update?



 **[alt\\_rachel](#)** at **[2013-06-27 16:19:48](#)**

*(no subject)*

I'm not part of the department. I'm Auror Rachel Lamont from Malfeasance Elimination. Mulciber said you'd have the list. I really can't get started if I don't even have a list of who works around here.



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-27 17:57:43](#)**

*(no subject)*

You're the Auror...forgive me, but from what Mr Mulciber said this morning, I was under the impression that MLE had sent a man. My apologies.


I stopped by your office but missed you, too. The list has been left on your desk. Welcome to the department. If there's anything else I can do to help you settle in, let me know.



 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-27 18:03:34](#)  
(no subject)


Next time use an envelope. Some of the inter-office memos apparently like to burrow.



 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-27 18:07:45](#)  
(no subject)

Oh and yes. I do believe Mr Mulciber was expecting a man.




 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-27 16:21:09](#)  
(no subject)

Wait, I just looked at the map and realised you're the ginger bloke I spotted earlier. You're right next door to me.

See you in a minute.




 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-27 16:25:08](#)  
(no subject)

Your office location would have been more useful if you'd been in it.

Let me know when you're back and planning to stay for a while. Or just stop by my office, which is 532-C but is actually directly next to yours. Who numbered this place, a lunatic mudblood?



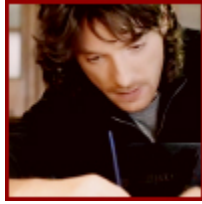
 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-27 17:58:06](#)  
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It is rather mad, isn't it? I think it's because they keep magically moving the offices and hallways, but they've never bothered renumbering the map.



 **[alt\\_rachel](#)** at **[2013-06-27 18:05:30](#)**  
(no subject)


The numbering scheme seems to fit the mood of the office rather well. Is it always like this? Or is it Mulciber's arrival that's thrown everything into chaos?



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-27 19:48:53](#)**  
(no subject)

I'm sort of trying to find my footing myself, so I'm not entirely sure. (Last week, I was the Assistant Director of Purity Control. This week I'm Mr Mulciber's Senior Adjutant. Whatever that is. I'm still figuring that out.) There's no doubt that the traitor's arrest has thrown much into turmoil. There are a lot of good people here, though, and I expect things will settle down eventually.



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-27 19:49:43](#)**  
(no subject)

Oh: Mr Mulciber asked me to find out whether you might know whether MLE took anything from his office (Selwyn's former office, you know) in the course of the investigation? I'm trying to find out if anything is missing; supplies, reports, etcetera.


Thanks for any information you can give.



 **[alt\\_rachel](#)** at **[2013-06-27 20:50:57](#)**  
(no subject)

I'm sure our investigators took his records but if this is about the missing quills, that wouldn't have been us. Tell your boss to just request more supplies, it's not as if they're going to tell him no.



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-27 20:55:45](#)**  
(no subject)


I've already spoken with his clerk to have that done. Thanks.



 **[alt\\_rachel](#)** at **[2013-06-27 20:48:10](#)**  
(no subject)

Oh, you were the AD in Purity Control? I was going to start by looking at the records from camp management. I probably would have come to you for the records. I don't suppose they've replaced you yet.



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-27 20:54:56](#)**  
(no subject)

I don't know if they've replaced me or not yet, no. But check with Vilas Rupadam. He's in charge of preparing many of the reports the department uses.

**2013-06-27 15:20:00**

*Private Message to Corax Mulciber*

Settling in, are you?

It appears you went ahead and selected the eldest Weasley.



 [alt\\_lucius](#)


Any observations so far? Was in the building earlier to meet Fudge but had no time to stop up and welcome you in person.

Perhaps next Thursday you'd care to go to lunch? Am sure you will have questions about certain of Dominic's policies and ongoing projects that affected other departments. Would be pleased to provide any insight, from a level your Weasley would have no way of knowing.

We could invite Stephen, as well, so he can tell you anything you need to know about your new - Senior Adjutant, is it? Creative title. Trust he understands it means whatever you need it to mean at any given moment?

Not sure how he'll do under that sort of ... variability in his scope of duties. The third brother has an altogether different temperament but then you must have seen something you liked about this one.



 [alt\\_corax](#) at **2013-06-27 19:34:32**  
(no subject)

Lunch? I suppose I'd have time to have lunch with you, Lucius, and hear your insights. And sure. Invite Stephen. If his mysteriously fragile health permits him to join us, of course, and he's not off on a sailing trip.

I think my Weasley's worked out his duties are whatever I tell him to do. He's a quick study. I like that in 'Senior Adjutant.' Other things I like: he doesn't argue or complain (so far, anyway) and he has a large, somewhat disreputable family he clearly cares for a great deal. It's always nice when you have levers you can use on people, should you ever need them.



 **[alt\\_corax](#)** at **[2013-06-27 19:37:15](#)**  
(no subject)

Not that I'd ever use YOUR Weasley as a lever -- don't worry. Let me know if you're attached to any of the others.



 **[alt\\_lucius](#)** at **[2013-06-27 19:49:44](#)**  
(no subject)

Your generosity is a credit to you.

One has to say that 'my' Weasley has only once or twice - at the beginning - given rise to thoughts of that sort of leverage. Luckily for him he caught on quickly and responded satisfactorily to correction - seemed pathetically grateful for the chance to serve, in fact.

From what I've heard you may find that 'your' Weasley does have a stubborn side and simply has the sense to suppress it in view of your, shall we say, *candid* style.

Should that moment arrive, however, when he vexes you to that degree, it would be preferable not to destroy the whole family. Even with Weasley Sr's heroic death now somewhat tarnished in light of Selwyn's subsequent actions, the rest of the clan have maintained a notoriety which would lead to problems if not handled with sensitivity. That said, there are, of course, ways to justify any action you deemed necessary.

The mother, of course, is a lost cause and always has been. My god-daughter has formed an inexplicable attachment to the youngest brother but nothing she could not overcome should his services be required. Had worried some years ago that my son was attracted to the sister but that turned out to be an attempt at subterfuge, which did not bear fruit as planned. So, no, provided disposing of one or another does not adversely affect the mission of Protectorate Affairs, feel free.

Threats, of course, are entirely acceptable - only be careful, if you would do, of what you might have to carry through to its conclusion.



 **alt\_corax** at [2013-06-27 19:59:25](#)  
(no subject)

I can't imagine anyone of consequence will mind if anything happens to Molly Prewett. Especially with Dominic's remains scattered to the four winds.

It might not prove necessary, but it's nice to have options. Also entertainment!

Your god-daughter, that's Tony Parkinson's daughter, isn't it? How old is she now? I know I've met her but it's been years. Kids get big so much faster than it seems like they ought to.



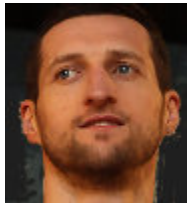
 **alt\_lucius** at [2013-06-27 20:33:40](#)  
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No one of consequence, no. However remember that what affects your Weasley will affect mine, as well (Mordred knows why, either of them. One shudders to imagine the sort of wife either might acquire, with that for a model).

And yes, Tony's daughter. She's fif - no, sixteen, same as Draco. Just finished O.W.L.s.

Which reminds me, she hasn't written to tell me her marks. Probably means she failed something or other.

Yours is ... four now? But then you never visit, do you. Can't blame you: They're not very interesting much before that age or thereabout. Draco started holding conversations by about ... five, I think; you ought to assess whether she's becoming worth getting to know.



 **alt\_corax** at [2013-06-27 20:39:58](#)  
(no subject)

Well, I'll try not to inconvenience you without reason.

I imagine you're right that your goddaughter -- Violet? no, Pansy, wasn't it? Some flower -- didn't get the marks

she'd hoped for. OWLs aren't everything, fortunately. How were Draco's? Tell me he shamed all the Ravenclaws and came in first in his class.

About my little by-blow, she's four now. Out of nappies, at least. Frankly I don't find them particularly interesting until they're Sorted, sometimes not until they've passed OWLs.



 **alt\_lucius** at [2013-06-27 20:50:38](#)  
(no subject)

Appreciated.


Fortunately, you are correct: O.W.L.s are hardly a necessary hurdle for the likes of Pansy or my son. He was fourth, in fact, a standing which might have been more upsetting were it not that he has more important matters to attend than mere study of transfiguration or potions. Suspect he anticipated more chagrin on my part; as it is, the marks will do nicely. At least he was able to report that no halfblood came ahead of him, which is consolation enough.

One could argue they are singularly uninteresting from their Sorting to the completion of their O.W.L.s, but they can be amusing. You were mentioning entertainment earlier? Different sort, of course, but there is the potential. Six was a particularly droll age for Draco and Harry both.

But this is not getting you up to speed on Protectorate Affairs, nor getting me through the correspondence that awaits my attention. Thursday, then.

Oh, and if you have questions in the meantime, do let 'my' Weasley know.



 **alt\_corax** at [2013-06-27 22:13:14](#)  
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Droll? Hm. Well.

Fourth's not too shabby. Where were you in the standings? Classes were bigger in those days, of course. Draco's class must be the smallest in many years, given how distracted most right-thinking purebloods were at




the time.

Anyway, yes, I look forward to Thursday.

Did you know that no new mudbloods have turned up in the last five years? It might be more, I'm still going through the records. Not one.

Wait, I suppose that was a question, perhaps I should have directed it to your Weasley.



 [alt\\_lucius](#) at [2013-06-27 23:39:59](#)  
(no subject)

Not at all, Corax. Any assistance you need; you are operating under Our Lord's express wishes, after all. We must all bend to His greater understanding of what will produce the results He desires.

In order, then: Bigger classes, yes. And the standards were entirely lower at the time, too. All manner of rabble competing alongside true wizards, that ridiculous blood-traitor Dumbledore at the helm and no small amount of tolerance for idiocy. Nonetheless, Holroyd and I placed first and second respectively - her ranking due, no doubt, to Dumbledore's favouritism for another Gryffindor.

And yes, we're aware. Further proof Our Lord's theories regarding magical inheritance have merit.

**[2013-06-28 09:24:00](#)**

*Private message to Lana Sandoval*



Lana --

I'm sure you saw the news about Protectorate Affairs in the papers. Do you know Corax Mulciber at all? I'm the lucky Auror from MEU who got assigned to help him shake the trees for more traitors. (If there are any up there who haven't fled. I've been going through the list of staff people and not surprisingly they've seen a lot of turnover since Selwyn's execution. If they really expected us to find anything, perhaps they should have sent us in sooner? Well, no doubt SOMETHING will turn up. It just may not be anything very impressive.)


 [alt\\_rachel](#)

Anyway. I know Auror Mulciber, of course (though not particularly well) but I'd never met Director Mulciber. He strikes me as a little temperamental and thoroughly unpredictable, so if you've met him -- on the Council, or anywhere else, really -- and have advice for staying on his good side, I'm all ears. Also -- frankly, he doesn't seem to know all that much about Protectorate Affairs. Would you say that's accurate? Do you know if he's likely to be a quick study, or if he'll probably require hand-holding for a while yet? (The hand-holding isn't MY job, thank goodness. I don't envy the poor bastard they've given it to.)

How's your internship year going? Nisha Desai is utterly brilliant -- I imagine you're getting to do some rather fascinating work. Like that business with the empty houses -- I assume you haven't turned up any explanations that would involve my department, or I'd have heard about it. Any news on those?

--Rachel



 [alt\\_lana](#) at **[2013-06-28 22:14:35](#)**  
(no subject)

Rachel,

We should go for drinks. It's been forever. Only, things here are so mad--well, you know, it seems every nutter and six of his besties have crawled out from under their rocks to take advantage since Selwyn's treachery. Desai says that

whenever one person makes a mad attempt, then others jump in to try their hand at whatever they can, hoping that in the chaos of the first thing, they'll have cover for their bit of mayhem.

We're still investigating those abandoned sites--houses, campsites, a system of caves. Some evidence there, but we're still finding them and still sifting through what we've found. You're right, though: nothing in it for Malfeasance Elimination yet.

So you've got sent over to the Other Side? I suppose that's what your lot do, though. Only, I wouldn't want to embed on the civil side--too much quill sharpening and memo managing for my taste. I expect it's a brilliant moment to dig into your investigation, though, while everyone's wrong-footed and shifting to accommodate new protocols and personalities at the top.

I can only tell you what I've heard about your Mulciber--you know he worked in MLE for a while during the time when Our Lord was purging the Ministry of traitors. Started in Interrogation, though I hear he didn't have the touch for it. And then he was one of the hit wizards they sent after the muggle aristocrats and royal family, but I've heard he was more interested in hunting than investigating, so he went the 'consulting' route rather than settling down in the department the way his brother did. Lots of them did that, you know. Members of the Council, I mean.

People say he runs hot and cold and can go from one to the other at the flick of a wrist, and they say he's not... very methodical? Desai and Travers were talking about him the other day. Desai says his mind's not the most organised, but that he's intuitive and sometimes jumps ahead and knows the answer to a puzzle before a systematic thinker could work out the solution. She says he can be 'keen' to a disconcerting degree. And that sometimes when he gets hold of an idea you can't make him let go.


Except when you can, apparently. Travers says he as likely to drop a thought and can be maddening to work with because he's distractible and forgets what you've told him. Desai told Travers not to count on it because whatever it is you think he's forgotten, he's likely to remember just when you wish he wouldn't.

Not sure how much that helps. How's it been, working with him?

I admit I was surprised by the news he'd got the post. I'd heard

Yaxley was likely to be the one tapped for it. Or Rowle. (You can guess which I hoped.)



 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-29 02:03:13](#)

*(no subject)*

Drinks would be brilliant, but I certainly understand if you don't have time right now. Who was it who used to growl, 'chaos breeds chaos'? We've certainly been seeing that lately. Any particularly fun stories?

(Using the Auror definition of 'fun,' of course.)

You're only too right about the quill sharpening and memo managing. The job still manages to be quite interesting, at least, although there's a fine line between 'wrong footed and shifting' and 'cowering under their desks.' I think probably last week they were wrong footed; this week they're mostly cowering. At least no one's likely to get in my way?

That's good to know about Director Mulciber and that's pretty much what I've seen, the hot and cold and the disorganisation. He went off on a tear today about chairs. (Really.) I think Yaxley would have been ... more predictable.



 [alt\\_lana](#) at [2013-06-29 20:18:37](#)

*(no subject)*

Ugh.

If Yaxley would be more predictable, that says a lot. About the hot and cold element, too.

Speaking of which. I hear there was a bit of Crucio Theatre over there yesterday. Was that really over chairs? (Flashbacks to training, no?)

Well. That side's had a soft go of it all this time; they can jolly well learn to take their lumps as well as we have. I bet they don't like it any too well, though.



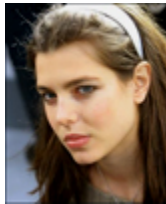
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It does say a lot, doesn't it?

Crucio Theatre, yes, that's definitely one way to put it. I wasn't nearby when it happened and came back to panicked feverish whispered gossip.

Apparently the last time Dominic Selwyn cruciated someone in the office, it was because they'd leaked sensitive information out of the journals and it wound up in some gossip magazine. I do believe this was over pilfered quills. So you can imagine how shocked everyone was.

I heard Director Mulciber wanted his assistant (or 'Senior Adjutant') to do the discipline, and then cruciated him when he failed, or maybe because he didn't give it a proper try. Poor bloke, I don't think he much fancies being on EITHER end of the wand for that one.



 [alt\\_lana](#) at [2013-06-29 22:11:10](#)  
(no subject)

Well. Sounds as if the new Director made a point.

I suppose most administrative hacks haven't the stomach for strong spells. If they did, they'd do something more substantial than process parchment, order supplies, and count time on the clock. (Don't tell Ned I said that, but really...)

We had a bit of fun here this afternoon. Apparently MLE are getting ready to train enforcers, so there was an anteroom full of painfully eager faces. There's really nothing more amusing than watching people sit around all day with a roomful of other people competing for the same few slots. I suppose they mean to start in August.




 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-29 22:13:51](#)  
(no subject)

He certainly did make a point.

And no, you're right about administrative hacks.  
How is Ned, by the way?

Were the would-be enforcers tripping each other up going through the door? Casting Confundus on anyone foolish enough to turn his back?



 [alt\\_lana](#) at [2013-06-29 22:31:26](#)  
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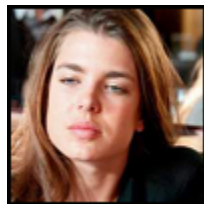
They pulled all the tricks we used and then some.


I heard one of them whingeing about an itching jinx, and I was in the loo with one of the witches when she looked in the mirror and realised she'd been hexed to come out in rather hideous spots. Apparently she'd no idea while she was in the interview. It wasn't pretty.



 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-29 22:34:32](#)  
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Well, anyone 'interviewing' for a job with MLE who isn't clever enough to realise the duel starts before you're even through the door, doesn't deserve to work here.



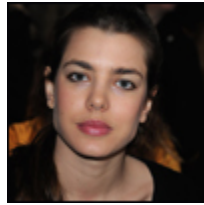
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(no subject)


Truth.



 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-29 22:39:06](#)  
(no subject)

Or technically 'there,' I suppose, since I'm stuck off in Protectorate Affairs for the moment.



 [alt\\_lana](#) at [2013-06-29 22:48:56](#)  
(no subject)

Yes. How long do you think you're going to be stuck there--languishing in the outer darkness with all the weeping and gnashing of teeth?

Maybe they'll settle down now they've seen what's what.




 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-29 23:10:31](#)  
(no subject)

I'll see what things are like on Monday, when everyone comes back in.

In the meantime, it's sort of odd the information people have been slipping under my door, whispering in my ear, pressing into my hands... practically everyone here would urgently like to point my attentions *elsewhere*. Funny, that.



 [alt\\_lana](#) at [2013-06-29 23:16:47](#)  
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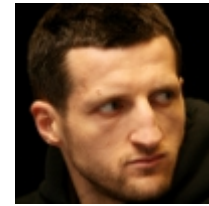
Hilarious.

Also useful, one hopes.

**[2013-06-28 10:20:00](#)**

*Private message to Bill Weasley*

So we have a half-blood affairs division. Do half-bloods have to register? What about the ones who aren't in fostering, is anyone keeping track? Or is it purebloods we track? Mostly I want to know how they make sure the people taking advantage of Repopulation Rewards are ACTUALLY pure. How many generations back does it need to go?




 [alt\\_corax](#)

Explain Civil Infrastructure to me. It just doesn't seem big enough. Surely they could get more done with a bigger budget.

I want to see Cresus Deverill, and you, in my office. Doesn't have to be this minute, just before the end of the day.




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 [alt\\_corax](#) at [2013-06-28 15:44:37](#)  
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Also, this chair isn't comfortable, tell them I need a new one. Or just bring me yours and I'll try it out. You can have this one if I like yours.

Also, the quills and parchment arrived, thanks.

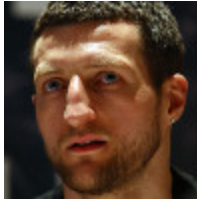


 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-28 16:34:29](#)  
(no subject)

I doubt you'd prefer mine; it tilts to the left when I sit down on it. Although I was going to try to repair it, since I'm rather knacky at that sort of thing, but I just haven't had a chance yet.

There are a couple of empty offices that have available chairs. I'll bring mine and the two spares and try to adjust yours, and if you don't like the adjustment, you can choose from one of the three. I can also bring a catalogue, if you'd like to consider ordering a new one. I suspect Selwyn's hadn't been replaced in quite a long time, so it would certainly be appropriate.






 **alt\_corax** at [2013-06-28 15:46:42](#)  
(no subject)

Also, someone from Population Rewards wanted a report from someone in Civil Infrastructure, take care of that.




 **alt\_bill** at [2013-06-28 17:18:10](#)  
(no subject)

~~Will do.~~ I think that must have been misdirected.

I'll track down who needs to get that request.



 **alt\_bill** at [2013-06-28 16:33:38](#)  
(no subject)

Half-bloods are registered, yes, and are effectively considered legal minors. I have regulations explaining the legal definitions used, and the criteria for fostering, which I'll bring to show you (Ministry of Magic Publication 4196.5.2.) Halfbloods acquire citizenship by renouncing their muggle or mudblood origins, completing their education, and making their application to the Department of Purity Control. Only then can they marry or breed. We don't track purebloods in the same way, although to prove they are pureblooded, citizens do have to provide extensive documentation.

I can inquire with the Repopulations office on your question. My understanding is that they track five generations back, but I will doublecheck.

I think I need a little more detail from you as to what exactly you're asking for with your request that I explain Civil Infrastructure. I'll stop by. We can also set a time then that you and I can meet with Deverill.

**[2013-06-28 16:46:00](#)**

*Order Only*

Poppy, could you come to 12GP if you see this?

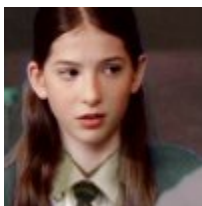


Molly, everything's fine, don't panic.

 [alt\\_lupin](#)

Corax Mulciber apparently has unique ideas about employee motivation; he demanded Bill cruciate a fellow employee this afternoon, then cruciated them both when he 'tried' and it didn't work. The full story's a bit confusing. Bill apparated to Doughty and splinched himself, though not badly. Startled poor Ellie, mostly with all the blood -- we patched him up, and Tonks side-alonged him to 12GP to recover.

We had some of the post-cruciatus potion about, so Tonks gave it to him. This isn't something we've dealt with much, so if Poppy's not around and anyone else wants to chime in with suggestions, I'll try to implement them. He says he's okay, but he's shaking really hard. Also, he spewed a little while ago. ~~On Tonks~~ Really the main reason we want Poppy is to check the splinch. It wasn't much of himself he left behind, at least.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-28 21:55:55](#)

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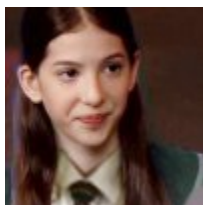
Tell him he'll feel better after he's slept. If it's been a while maybe give him some toast to eat.



 [alt\\_terry](#) at [2013-06-28 22:04:33](#)

*(no subject)*

Keeping him warm helps, too, so the muscles can relax as much as possible. But I'm sure Madam Pomfrey knows that.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-28 22:07:08](#)

*(no subject)*

Yeah but it sounds like she's not there and that's why they're asking.

I didn't get the potion after Sandoval cruciated me because I was still afraid of Madam Pomfrey at the time so I just went back to Slytherin, instead of going to the Hospital Wing. I still felt mostly recovered by the next day, if that's any consolation. Even a few hours later the headache was mostly gone.



 [alt\\_terry](#) at [2013-06-28 22:11:24](#)  
(no subject)

Mr Lupin, also please tell him...

Well. I'm so very sorry.




 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-28 22:00:48](#)  
(no subject)

how can you s

if Arthur

Understood, Remus. Thank you so much for being with him, and helping him. Should I floo there to be with him? I can invent a reason for Ginny for being called away at dinnertime.




 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-28 22:02:05](#)  
(no subject)

Bill says there's no need, he'll be fine.

And he will, Molly; we'll take good care of him, don't worry.



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-28 22:14:30](#)  
(no subject)

It's a good thing he knew not to try the floo; that would have made the spewing worse. Floo travel is as bad for him as apparition is for Sirius.

Remus, where was he splinched? (What body part, I mean?) I assume you had some dittany at hand?



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-28 22:16:35](#)  
(no subject)

Thigh, and yes. We always keep dittany on hand, both at Doughty Conduit and at 12GP.




 [alt\\_gredforge](#) at [2013-06-28 22:18:33](#)  
(no subject)

Good on you all for being there for him.

Tell him that when he feels up to it, we'll take him out to the Quidditch pitch at our orchard, and he can borrow our Beater bats and pretend that the Bludger is Corax Mulciber's head. If that helps.




 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-28 22:42:17](#)  
*Private Message to Mr Lupin*

Tell Bill I hope he's all right, will you?

When he feels well enough to know I said it.

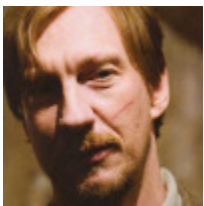
How bad was it? The cruciating, I mean. Was it... did it go on very long?




 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-28 22:46:13](#)  
*Re: Private Message to Mr Lupin*

I'll tell him.

He didn't say how long it lasted. The important thing is that he's here now, safe, and we are taking care of him.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-28 22:04:14](#)  
(no subject)

Oh, it was one of Arthur's former colleagues Bill was ordered to cruciate -- Cresus Deverill? I remember Arthur told us something bad about the man but I can't remember what.

Apparently he attracted Corax Mulciber's ire for filching some quills out of Selwyn's office, when MLE was done in there. Although my guess is he wanted to make an example of someone and didn't much care who or why.




 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-28 22:09:13](#)  
(no subject)

Oh, Cresus Deverill...I won't forget THAT name.  
He's vile.

He's the one who forced Norma Brownmiller to decide who should live and who should die, when the Woods' farm was raided and they were discovered to be 'coddling' muggleborns. Arthur was so upset about that.



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-28 22:09:57](#)  
(no subject)

But...for pilfering *office supplies*?

Good gracious.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-28 22:12:00](#)  
(no subject)

HIM?

Well HE deserved it even if Bill

Ugh.



 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-28 22:37:28](#)  
(no subject)

Molly, he's doing better now. Mostly sleeping, but he took a bit of water a few minutes ago when he woke up, and he looked- well, he's got a bit of colour back.

And Madam P flooded us. She's coming soon, but she made us feel we'd done the basic cleaning and bandaging properly.

How are you holding up, then?



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-28 23:18:05](#)  
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How am I holding

Doubtless, I'm better than Bill.

Tonks, Remus--

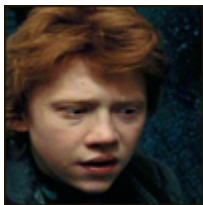
Thank you




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-28 22:15:55](#)  
*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Bloody hell.

I suppose he'd never been cruciated before. Mr Selwyn wasn't much for that sort of thing and he would've been gone from Hogwarts....huh.




 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-28 22:46:22](#)  
*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Yeah. He was at school before the Carrows.

I hadn't really thought about how different it was for him than for us, but... yeah. That pretty much says it.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-29 01:38:27](#)  
*Private message to Padfoot and Tonks*

I got a more coherent version of the story when he woke up a little while ago and had some toast and tea.

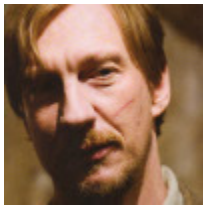
Apparently Mulciber blamed Deverill for some missing office supplies. Had Bill bring him to his office. He cruciated Deverill in front of Bill, then told Bill he had a choice -- he could cruciate Deverill, or Mulciber would. He said that if Bill could successfully cast the curse, even briefly, that would satisfy him and

he'd let Deverill go without further punishment. Or, if Bill needed another 'demonstration' he'd provide that, instead. But it was clear that if Mulciber cast the curse it would be kept on for a lot longer than if Bill did it.

Bill pointed his wand and said 'crucio' but with no intent behind it, and Deverill screamed to try to make it sound like he'd cast it successfully, but Mulciber wasn't fooled. He cruciated Deverill again -- Bill said he held the curse on him for a full two minutes, that time -- and then sent him out and cruciated Bill. It's not clear to me whether he cruciated Bill for failing to successfully cast the curse, or because he could tell Bill didn't really try. Or because he thought Bill was cooperating with Deverill in trying to make it look like he'd cast it when he hadn't.

Bill's worried about this happening again.

So am I. I don't even know what to tell him. He said Deverill begged him to try, because he knew Bill wouldn't keep it on him for more than an instant, and from Mulciber it would be a good deal worse. ~~And he was right.~~



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-29 01:41:52](#)

*Re: Private message to Padfoot and Tonks*

I wish Arthur were alive.

I imagine Bill does, too.



 [alt\\_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-29 08:11:44](#)

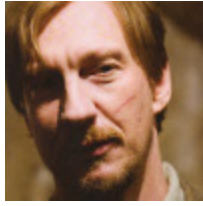
*Re: Private message to Padfoot and Tonks*


Arthur couldn't change this if he were alive. And he'd hate that.

I suppose you mean he'd be here for Bill.

Well. We're here for each other. Bill will see. And Molly.

It's not the same, I know, but it's nearly as good.



 **[alt\\_lupin](#)** at **2013-06-29 14:43:41**

*Re: Private message to Padfoot and Tonks*

He couldn't change anything.

But he had rather more experience walking through this sort of ethical mud pit than most of

us.

I told Bill I'd talk to him, but I have no idea what to tell him to do.



**2013-06-28 18:40:00**

*Order Only*

I'm fine

Thanks for the concern.



 [alt\\_bill](#)



 [alt\\_gredforge](#) at [2013-06-29 00:21:33](#)

*(no subject)*

Make them serve you breakfast in bed.

We reckon you deserve in a lie in tomorrow morning.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-29 00:23:19](#)

*(no subject)*

not sure I'll go that far, but I'm glad at least that someone else is taking care of the goats tomorrow morning



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at [2013-06-29 01:47:57](#)

*Private message to Bill*

If you want to talk through -- any of it, really, but especially what to do ~~next time~~ if there's a next time, we're here to listen.

Alice and Frank are, too.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-29 01:58:54](#)

*Re: Private message to Bill*

Oh, there will be a next time all right. Count on it.

I'm done in for to tonight, particularly after that potion. But I'd like to try to stick to the plan I'd made for this weekend: work with Sirius tonight--well, tomorrow morning--on mental stuff, and then spend tomorrow night at Moddey Dhoo so I can speak with Alice and Frank and Kingsley.



 **[alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-29 02:06:13](#)**

*Re: Private message to Bill*

And Remus? Thanks for being there. I'll talk if I need to, I promise. Maybe I need to think things through a little first.

Tell Tonks I hope those boots weren't very expensive. Thank God for *scourgify*, anyway.




 **[alt\\_hermione](#) at [2013-06-29 02:37:02](#)**

*(no subject)*

It does get better. You'll be all right, Bill.



 **[alt\\_justin](#) at [2013-06-29 02:46:15](#)**

*(no subject)*

Bill,

I say, how awful. I hope you recover quickly.

-Justin

**[2013-06-28 21:03:00](#)**

*Private message to Bill Weasley*

You alright, then? What Mulciber did was the talk of the office when I got back from Creatures. You were gone by then, of course. Did you get home okay?



 [alt\\_rachel](#)



 [alt\\_bill](#) at **[2013-06-29 12:25:02](#)**

*(no subject)*

Ah, so you heard.

I suppose everyone did. Blast.

I'm well as can be expected, thanks. I didn't go home, actually; I'm staying with a friend. Suffered a small splinch getting there, unfortunately--I was rather...discomposd immediately afterward--but my friend patched me up, and I'll be fine.

I must say, it looks as though my new position is going to be a touch challenging.

Thanks. You're kind to enquire.




 [alt\\_rachel](#) at **[2013-06-29 14:52:24](#)**

*(no subject)*

Yeah, people heard....either the screams, or the gossip, one or the other. Mulciber wasn't trying to be discreet. I'm not sure he'll get quite the effect he was going for. Well, probably fewer people will be filching quills in the future, I guess there's that.

By the way, the best thing for the morning after is a really strong cup of black tea with lemon. I've also heard coffee with a small cup of orange juice but lemons are easier to get. Then have biscuits for breakfast, or something else sweet.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-29 15:04:13](#)  
(no subject)

Thanks for the practical tips. No lemons or oranges here, unfortunately, but I had the tea and something sweet for breakfast, and it did help.

I hope I'm not going to need to locate a regular supply of lemons.




 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-29 15:39:50](#)  
(no subject)

Conveniently, during that part of Auror training, we all knew what was coming and someone passed around the lemons the day before.

People said the anticipation was the worst part (because we all knew what was coming) but no, really, the cruciatus was the worst part. The anticipation was pretty bad, though. But at least we knew to have lemons.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-29 16:27:39](#)  
(no subject)

Somehow, I doubt that Mulciber will be considerate enough to have lemons available.

I didn't realise you had to undergo this as part of your training.




 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-29 21:08:26](#)  
(no subject)

Yes. As a formal part of training, twice -- each in a ten-second burst (you can't modulate intensity, with cruciatus, so it's very important to be precise about timing -- that's something they taught us how to do.) The first time was from a trainer, the second time was from one of the other trainees.

Of course, it's also used for discipline....anyway I only got it twice, and twice was plenty.




 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-29 23:23:57](#)  
(no subject)

So...you've learned how to cast it, too?

The thing is, Mulciber ordered me to get the Cardinal Curses licence. Judging from what happened on Friday he meant it; he wants me to learn to cast Crucio and Imperio. Is it very difficult to do? I haven't ever studied Noble Arts before.

I don't know if you're allowed to show a civilian how do it. Can you, if I have the licence?



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-29 23:26:10](#)  
(no subject)

I dunno. It may be too much to ask. But believe me, I'm not inquiring for idle reasons. If I have to cast it on another person, it'd be important to me to be able to control it.



 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-30 01:00:31](#)  
(no subject)

The only 'controls' you have with cruciatus are 'on' and 'off.' There's no way to modulate it; that's why Aurors are trained to hold it for ten seconds at a time as a standard.

Imperius, that's different. That's a far more complicated spell. The basics aren't too difficult, though, and Mulciber is unlikely to demand elite expertise -- not from you.




 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-30 00:56:24](#)  
(no subject)

Noble Arts? You can't possibly be a protege of Antonin Dolohov's, or you wouldn't need *my* help learning to cast the Cardinals. Oh, but you have siblings still at Hogwarts, don't you...did you pick that up from them?

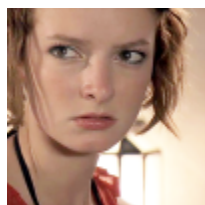
Personally, I like the term 'Dark Arts.' It's widely understood and doesn't try to hide anything.




 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-30 02:42:13](#)**  
(no subject)

Uh...yeah. I did pick that terminology up from my brother Ron, who's a rising sixth year.

Frankly, I've always called them and thought of them as the Dark Arts, too.




 **[alt\\_rachel](#)** at **[2013-06-30 00:57:38](#)**  
(no subject)

Anyway. Proficiency in all three of the Cardinals is required for anyone who wants to be an Auror. Or even just an Enforcer. So yes, I know how to cast both Cruciatu*s* and Imperius, and I can teach you if you want.

Do you need me to find you a 'volunteer,' for the cruciatu*s*?




 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-30 02:46:44](#)**  
(no subject)

Merlin, I didn't even think about that.

Could we practise with a large animal instead, maybe? I could get a goat.



 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-30 02:48:15](#)**  
(no subject)

Um. That probably sounded exceedingly strange. But my mum does keep goats.

Honestly, I hate the beasts enough that it might help me get into the right mindset.



 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-30 02:49:03](#)  
(no subject)

Good thing you said, I was wondering if there was some particular goat you had a lifelong grudge against.

Anyway yes, I suppose that would work. You'll want to be careful if you're learning Cruciatu on an animal, though -- it might develop an intense phobia of some random thing it sees right when get the spell right. Humans are clever enough to blame the bloke with the wand, but a goat might decide it was the tree it was standing under and be terrified of trees after that.




 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-30 02:52:20](#)  
(no subject)

So should I meet you at her farm? (Is it a farm?) Or do you want to side-along the goat somewhere else? Any animal that can vocalize will scream when it gets cruciated, it might disturb the neighbors.

Were you planning on learning Imperius on the goat, too?



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-30 03:20:39](#)  
(no subject)

Can you learn Imperius on a goat? I should think that if I could do the spell on one, it would mean I had the hang of it pretty well. They are the most bloody stubborn creatures alive.

I'll be registering for the licence on Monday, but I have another commitment that evening. Would you be available on Tuesday evening? There's a private spot I know where we could do it. Old family fishing spot. I could bring you there, go and get the goat and bring it back to the spot.

I don't think we'd better do it at the family home, no. My

sister is fond of animals, you see. I think the screaming would upset her.




 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-30 03:49:03](#)  
(no subject)

I didn't learn either spell on animals, so I don't know how well the skill will transfer. Animal minds aren't like human minds, so casting Imperius on a goat might help you cast it on a human...or it might not.

You know, the other option with Cruciatus is that I can just *explain* to you what you need to know and you can learn on the job. I don't imagine Mulciber will expect a perfect curse on your first try. Though he'll be more impressed with you, admittedly, if you can pull that off.

It's a bit easier to find actual volunteers for Imperius -- it actually feels pretty good to have Imperius cast on you. Do you have any really good mates? If you bring two, one can be the victim and the other can keep an eye on things.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-30 04:54:53](#)  
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Hmm.

My twin brothers Fred and George might do very well. They're both of age, so that's no problem, and I'm sure they'd be willing to help.

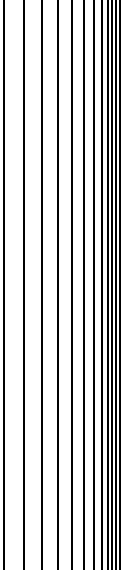



 [alt\\_rachel](#) at [2013-06-30 03:50:26](#)  
(no subject)

Oh, I forgot to answer the question about Tuesday evening.

I think I could do that. Is there somewhere to tie up the goat so it doesn't take off running?





 **[alt\\_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-30 04:55:53](#)**  
(no subject)

There's a tree at the fishing hole where we can tie it up, or one of the twins can hold it.

Thanks.



 **[alt\\_rachel](#)** at **[2013-06-30 04:58:31](#)**  
(no subject)

You're welcome.

Enjoy the rest of your weekend.

**2013-06-28 22:37:00**

*Order Only: Private Message to Tonks and Moony*



How's the patient?


Found what I was looking for. I had a feeling it was in Father's study.

 [alt\\_sirius](#)

I'll be working on this for a while.

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 [alt\\_lupin](#) at **2013-06-29 03:27:07**

*(no subject)*

He's perking up at least a bit. Still shaky.

So does it do what you remembered hearing it did?



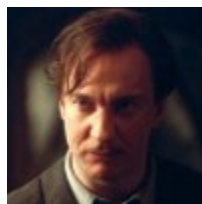
 [alt\\_sirius](#) at **2013-06-29 03:37:52**


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Sort of, yeah.

It doesn't quite produce the effect I was thinking it might. But she mentions something about *'three drammes shall sufficeth, that a warlock might suppress him his uoie and in thus wise, betray not his nature through his actes of magick'* - and it goes on to talk about what I think she meant is a sort of high from doing dark spells.

It's nearly falling apart, though. I'm going to have to copy it all out before I can even start to translate it.



 [alt\\_lupin](#) at **2013-06-29 03:40:14**

*(no subject)*

What's your 'uoie'?

If you'd like help copying, I can come down.



 **alt\_sirius** at [2013-06-29 03:45:59](#)

*(no subject)*

This was originally written around 1604. U=J, so that would be 'Joy.'

No, stay with Bill if he's still off-colour.

Besides, the handwriting's nearly impossible to read. I only remember it because Mother used to make us practise out of it now and then. Write it out, then read it over, then figure out what she meant.

Mordred. It's all coming back. Like riding a broom, I guess.



 **alt\_lupin** at [2013-06-29 04:01:37](#)

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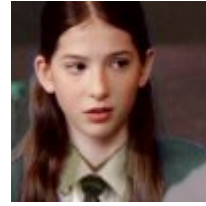
What happened with Bill in Mulciber's office reminded me of what you said your mother did with dark spells. When we were talking about that letter Sally-Anne sent, last summer. 'Watch Mummy show you how it's done' and then 'Give it a go yourself.'

At least Bill's not a child.

Anyway, there could be more than one reason it's all coming back.

**2013-06-29 09:54:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private message to Ron and Pansy*



Ron do you think we should still plan to come tomorrow night? Or are things going to be


 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)

I sort of wonder if my essay that I wrote about the cruciatus curse years back would be useful to Bill. I could copy it out on the other lock. But I don't want him to think I'm trying to convince him -- if it were Charlie or the Twins I'd feel like I knew what to do but with Bill -

Well, anyway.

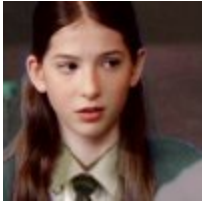
Oh also, Philip wants to know if there's going to be a Quidditch day at the Burrow this summer. Not that I'd want to try to organise one right now! But I can't very well say that to Philip.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at **2013-06-29 17:34:47**  
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Yeah, we can do a Burrow day, for sure, but maybe tell Philip that my mum's busy this summer and so it's hard to say just when that will be. I mean, she's trying to set up a business, sort of. I guess. I'm not sure how far she is with that, so maybe don't say anything about that to Philip. But, yeah. She's kind of got a lot more to be thinking about now, so we'll just have to see. I haven't wanted to ask her yet, and I'm glad we hadn't planned on one for today. Although. Then we'd be distracting her, and maybe that would be a good thing. She's pretty... y'know... on edge today.

And I think you should just go ahead and send Bill what you wrote. He hasn't been home, so I don't know how he's really doing today. (That's why Mum's so tetchy.) Anywiz, tell what you wrote it for. I think- well, I don't know what he'll think, but what's the worst he can do? Act condescending, right? So if he does, who cares? Happens to me all the time.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-29 20:56:42](#)  
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Good point about being busy, I pointed that out to Philip.

And yeah, I wrote to Bill.

I wonder if he's actually going to learn how to cast it? Or if he'll quit his job.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-30 05:11:28](#)  
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He's a Gryffindor. He may not learn to cast it, but he won't quit the job if he thinks it's important to the Order.

Actually, I wouldn't be surprised if he read your essay (I went back and looked at it again... that was a long time ago, y'know? and I'm not sure I actually read it all back then) anywiz, if Bill's read it, you say right there how to be sure he can't learn to cast it even if he tries really hard all the things his boss might tell him to try in order to do it.

I mean, if all you need is a twinge of guilt or a moment of thinking how it feels for the other person... yeah, I don't think I could do it. At least not on most people. Most of the time. Maybe I could've on Bill last winter, though. If I'd decided to try it.

What I mean to say, though, is he might just decide it's better getting Cruciated for being a dolt who can't learn to do the spell than to be someone who actually does it on somebody else's orders. I expect Bill would think getting Cruciated was worth it.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-30 05:14:26](#)  
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Yeah.

That's how I'd expect most of the Gryffindors I know to deal with it, honestly.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-06-30 05:16:09](#)  
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That makes you uncomfortable, doesn't it?

I mean, I know we joke about it, but really you don't like it.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-30 05:17:00](#)  
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Ron I really really really don't like thinking about you getting cruciated.

And I know if you were in Bill's position that's what you'd do. Pretend that you just couldn't do it. Over and over.



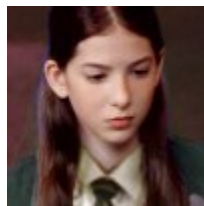
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Maybe so.

Though, honestly, I don't know if it's about being a Gryffindor.

I know I'm the one that said it first, but... maybe it's just about growing up with my dad and wanting to be like him, y'know? Bill does, for sure.

And I do, too. Even if... I don't know if he'd make the same choices I did this year or, y'know, am about to make with Dark Arts.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-30 05:22:50](#)  
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No, it's not just about being a Gryffindor.

Justin would handle it the same way. Or Terry.

I don't know what I'd do. ~~Maybe I'd use my ring~~




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What did you write out there? Maybe I-

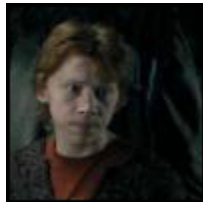
I can't read it, but-


What would you do?



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-30 05:30:37](#)  
*Private message to Ron*

I said maybe I'd use my ring. If it was cruciate someone or get cruciated, over and over, but then I thought, that's stupid because I could just quit, right?

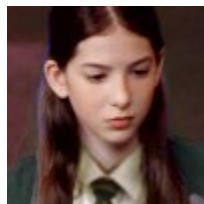



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*Re: Private message to Ron*

Yeah. It is.

Don't do that ever. I mean it! What if you used it and just weren't thinking straight when there was something else you could do instead. Like quit!

When we were in the Department of Mysteries that night... did you think about using it then?




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-30 05:41:00](#)  
*Re: Private message to Ron*

Well what do you mean 'did you think about using it,' because I didn't think, 'I think maybe I'll use my ring' but I DID think, 'if they take me to MLE it will be alright because I have my ring, and maybe Pansy can get away with Hector.'

We were under Harry's cloak and Professor Dolohov heard us (well, he heard Hector, I think) and so I stood up, because I thought he'd see me and assume he'd got the person who made the noise.

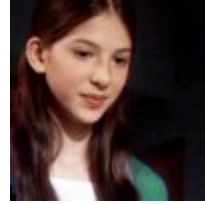


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*Re: Private message to Ron*

That wasn't a very Slytherin thing you did there, was it?

It was really dead brave.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-30 06:06:42](#)

*Re: Private message to Ron*

You are clearly a bad influence.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-30 05:44:04](#)

*Re: Private message to Ron*

Did you think about it? In the Department of Mysteries?



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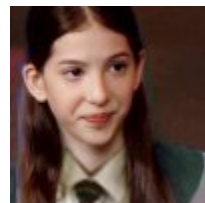
No.

But I had Arista, and she needed me to get her out.

I just- I wondered if you-

When you were hurt

but you didn't



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-30 05:54:56](#)

*Re: Private message to Ron*

No

I mean I kind of thought I was going to die, but I didn't see any reason to hurry it along.

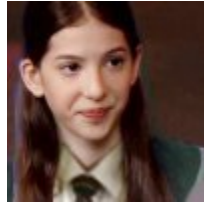




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*Re: Private message to Ron*

Too right.




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I'd probably quit.

Because bugger that, really.



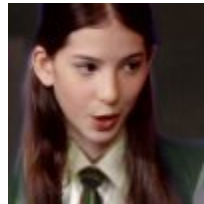
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Oh.

Yeah, you probably would!

And that would be okay. I mean with a boss like that? Yeah. It makes sense you would quit.



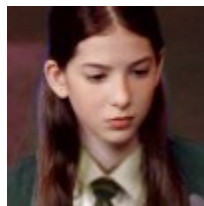
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Maybe that's the dividing line for the Gryffindors.

They'd stay in the job if it was useful to the Order. Even if they were getting cursed over and over.

The rest of us would say 'bugger this, surely I can do something else that would be useful!' and quit.



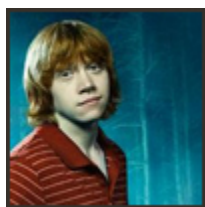
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Mind you I think he COULD learn if he tried.

I mean I saw the bruises he left after he threw you

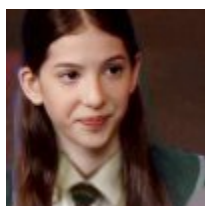
into the wall, in December. He gets angry enough. Or at least he has. The trick is learning to summon that up.



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Yeah, well see? That's what I was thinking about when I said I might've been able to do it to him then. If I'd wanted to try it. I was that hacked off at him.

The thing is I don't know if there's anyone else I could be that angry with, y'know? There's something about brothers that can get right up your nose. Or worse.

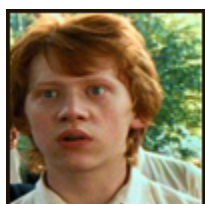



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Yeah

I don't have any siblings.

But I've seen the way the Stretton kids fight sometimes. It's not just you and Bill.

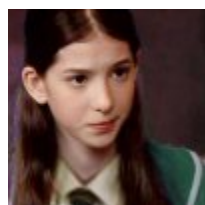


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Too right!

There's Charlie and Percy and George and Fred. And Ginny, too!

But you mean you think Bill could do it--could learn to do it to anyone?



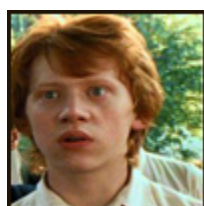
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Well the trick with cruciatus on someone you don't hate is to think about the thing that made you really angry and then sort of make yourself

pretend it's that person in front of you, or that it's that person's fault.

There are people who just don't get angry that way, though. I mean if even when you're really angry you don't want to hurt anyone you're going to have a really difficult time casting cruciatus. So, you know, Luna.

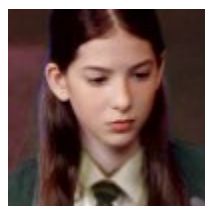
That miserable bastard who got cruciated WITH Bill, on Friday, with what your Mum said about him -- if Bill had really given it a try I think he could have.



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Hm.

I hope he doesn't. Learn to do that. Because he really should quit rather than do that.

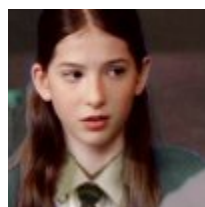


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Well it's kind of his version of what we were trying to work out last summer in CCF.

Should we stay in, because what we could learn would be so bloody useful? Or should we quit (or do something to get ourselves kicked out) because what they'd make us do would be so bloody awful?

It really depends, right, on how useful it's going to be. And how awful it's going to be.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-07-01 03:20:15](#)  
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So in the journal today Bill said that casting the Cardinals is 'a condition of his employment' and he HAS to learn how to cast cruciatus or he'll get sacked. He thinks maybe if he can win Mulciber's approval he'll be able to get him to

be less awful, which seems maybe a bit optimistic. Though at least he'll be able to keep a close eye on what he's up to.

I sort of wanted to talk in person and find out exactly what he said because Mulciber's a Slytherin and sometimes -- well, anyway, that didn't work out, what with Percy there (and Ginny).

I don't know what he ought to do.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-07-01 03:55:53](#)  
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Yeah. No idea.

From what I can tell he's mostly expecting the worst and probably going to get it because that's what he's preparing for. Know what I mean?


Not that he's said much. Only, he's sort of acting like he's a hero in a comic who knows he's totally doomed before the story even starts.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-07-01 03:12:56](#)  
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It was good to see you. Both of you.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-07-01 04:19:47](#)  
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It was brilliant.

Think you could come again next Sunday? It was loads better having you there--Percy was almost bearable. Guess he was on his best behaviour for you.

You'll never guess what he just wrote me: the twins have been trying to tell him he was being daft about me and Pansy, but he didn't believe them. What an eejit. I mean, you'd think Mum would've been his first clue, but really I don't think Percy could find

a clue in an empty room if it was waving a flag and singing Tow row row row.




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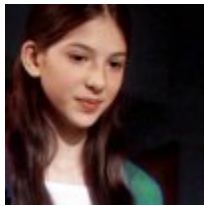
I can't come next Sunday because NEXT Sunday it's going to be my turn to do the perimeter check. But I could probably come the Sunday after that. Or some other evening.

I think you're right about Percy's clue-spotting abilities. Too bad you can't get glasses to fix that sort of problem.



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Oh. Maybe I can come help you fly the boundaries, then.



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You could come tomorrow if you want.

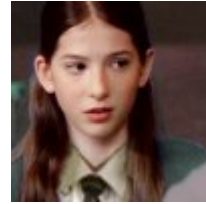


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Really? Sure!

**2013-06-29 10:44:00**

*Order Only: Private message to Bill Weasley*



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)

So, um. Back the summer after third year, when I'd taken that first year of Dark Arts with ~~Miss Prof~~ Alecto Carrow, I wrote essays about the three Cardinals on the other lock. For Terry, and for the rest who weren't in Dark Arts.

I was thinking I'd copy out some of what I said. Also just so you know, the context was that Amycus Carrow was making Terry do some awful stuff to other prisoners in Lincoln Castle. Here's what Terry wrote:

But I'm seeing something else I never saw before. I think he wants to make me rotten inside, too. Like him. He wants me cowering and ignorant, but he's also interested in making me...cruel. Not enough that I'd ever threaten him, you understand, but then he's arrogant enough to think he totally controls me.

It's little things. Like he always used to be the one to kill his pigeons and rats for his experiments. But now he's started ordering me to kill them (I do it if I have to. But I try to sneak them out and free them instead if I possibly can). He got a crop of prisoners last week, and one of them had concealed a photograph of his wife in his shirt, and the git found it. He took the photograph away from the man and ordered me to burn it. In front of the prisoner.

He said something this week that made my blood run cold: that maybe he might get another mudblood. Someone even younger than me. 'You'd like having someone you could teach master's ways, wouldn't you? Someone you could break in yourself.'

Just getting away from him isn't enough. As long as I'm with him, I also need to figure out how to stay a decent human being, even if he's trying to warp me into someone who thinks he's admirable.

So that's some of what I was thinking about when I wrote this. Here's what I said:

So this is Part II of my essays on Dark Arts. Not that I think any of you are going to want to cast it. The theory is sort of interesting though, and it's related to what Terry was writing about yesterday.

So, first of all, like the other cardinal curses it was invented by a Ravenclaw. The inventor of the cruciatus curse was a Healer, if you can believe it, and he was investigating how people's brains work. There's a sort of paralysis that can happen when you damage the nerves in your back and he had a theory about this and the cruciatus was originally just a way to investigate his theory.

And in fact like Luna mentioned second year, there are specially trained Healers at St Mungo's that use the cruciatus curse occasionally to cure certain kinds of paralysis. But mostly it's used to torture people.

Second. There's pretty much nothing the cruciatus curse can accomplish that another spell can't do more effectively, except cause pain for its own sake. If you want to distract someone there are about a million possible spells. If you want to get information out of somebody, legilimency and veritaserum will get it much more quickly than cruciatus and people are less likely to lie. One of the books I read for Dark Arts had a chapter on the cruciatus curse and its use during interrogations, and the author thought using cruciatus was a bad idea -- not because he objected to it morally, but because he said people who are being tortured will say whatever they think will make the torture stop. He said five minutes of cruciatus will make most people claim to be a basket of dried peas, if they think their interrogator wants them to be a basket of dried peas. And the object of interrogation is supposed to be USEFUL information. He thought it was far more worthwhile to learn how to brew veritaserum but he seemed to have a bias towards potions generally.

(By the way he has a point but Hydra says her mother uses legilimency with cruciatus, because cruciatus makes it harder to occlude properly, especially if it goes on and on.)

Third. With cruciatus even more than the other two cardinal curses, mindset is key. With Avada Kedavra, you have to want to kill someone, but even if it's just a passing impulse that's enough to accomplish the spell. With Imperius, you have to want to control someone, and that's - - easier, for most people, because who HASN'T said 'oh if only you would LISTEN to me!' even to their best mate, you know?

But with cruciatus you have to want to cause someone unbearable

pain and you have to keep wanting to, even after you see what it's doing to them, for as long as you want the spell to keep on going.

Anyway. With the killing curse, anger is the 'primary' (that's what the books call the primary emotion you'd draw on, when you're getting ready to cast it) and hate and fear are the 'secondaries' and then there are a host of tertiaries. With each of these spells, there are also 'oppositionals,' and those are the emotions that you have to be careful not to feel if you want to cast the spell. (With the killing curse one of the biggest oppositionals is protectiveness -- obviously, if you feel protective of someone it's hard to kill them. But, for instance -- I heard a rumour that in one of the Dogstar cells, someone cast the killing curse on one of their mates, probably because they knew too much that they could say under torture. You might kill someone you wanted to protect, if you were protecting them from being tortured horribly and then killed anyway. But you probably wouldn't be able to use the killing curse to do it, unless you were very good at controlling your emotions.)

So, back to cruciatus. With the cruciatus curse, hatred is the primary, and anger and contempt are the secondaries. It helps if you really believe that they deserve what you're about to do to them (and worse). They talk about 'intense awareness of your superiority' and basically what they mean is that if you're incredibly arrogant you're more likely to be able to cast it properly. And, of course, if you LIKE to see people in pain -- if you're a sadist -- you're basically a natural.

A lot of what all the Dark Arts mindset talk is about is the problem ('problem,' right, it's only a 'problem' to someone like Carrow) (or Mulciber) that most people are NOT actually sadists, at least they don't start out that way. The books say that as you get more practice you can 'develop a taste for power' and when they're talking about cruciatus what they mean is that you can learn to like causing people pain.

(Well, that's only part of it. There were some books I read in Dolohov's class that talked a bit more about what Terry mentioned, with the Carrows, that they got energized when they'd do Dark spells. There's something about Dark Arts specifically that for some people, make them feel good to do. I mean to do them on other people, especially. Some people get more out of it than others. It doesn't mean you're necessarily a good person if you don't get the high or a bad person if you do, although it DOES probably mean that you're more likely to turn into a bad person if you do, right, because if it feels good to curse people you're more likely to find reasons to -- does that make sense?



Anyway this is all a bit of a tangent.)

The spell itself is actually incredibly simple. You point your wand at your victim and you say 'crucio' and you mean it. That's all it is. If it's a fleeting impulse, if you have the hatred and anger but not a wall of conviction, it might not work, or the person might get cursed but only for about a second. To keep the spell going, you keep your wand pointed at the person and you WANT it to keep going.

If you keep it on someone for too long, something in their mind breaks and they'll never be right again. The book that talks about using it for interrogation discusses this problem because someone who's lost their mind won't give you any useful information. So there are various clues that you're supposed to watch for to get a sense of whether you're on the edge of going too far, like trying to speak and only gibberish comes out, or no longer screaming and thrashing but just sort of lying there and moaning. It would be dead hard to fake that, though, if you were the person being tortured, especially as they say this is most often a problem if you go on for HOURS.

To cast it on someone you don't hate, you think intensely about someone you DO hate and something that makes you furiously angry and you sort of pretend that's who you're casting it on, even if it's actually someone else. If you're very good at it, you can rely on contempt mixed with tertiaryies like arrogance, rather than hatred and anger.

The 'oppositionals' -- this was sort of the point I was getting at earlier, with Terry, the 'oppositionals' that keep you from casting cruciatus are things you might look to, in finding an opposite for sadism.

1. Guilt. If you have a conscience, it typically tells you it's not alright to torture people. Hatred and anger can make you feel like it's justified to do anything you want, which is why you focus on them so intensely if you want to cast a dark curse.
2. Compassion. If you feel any compassion for the person, like if you think 'oh, this is so terrible, I hate seeing people in pain' -- it stops.
3. Transference. This is where you imagine it happening to you, instead of the other person, and it's sort of related to guilt.
4. Indifference. If you truly don't care about a person one way or the other it can be very difficult to cast cruciatus on them. You have to summon up the energies of rage and hate, to make it work.

There is no way to defend yourself against cruciatus. However:

1. You can dodge. Especially if the person isn't very good at it and is pretending you're someone else, this is a good option. They have to be able to see you to cast it.
2. If you can shout something that plays on guilt, compassion, or transference, that can work very well on inexperienced people. Not that this would ever work on Carrow, but if Percy ever cast it, saying 'you promised Dad!' would probably end it, because he'd feel so guilty. Guilt is the enemy of conviction (according to the textbook.)

Playing on compassion sometimes works too -- crying, for instance, tends to upset people more than screaming. But if you can say or do something that puts them in mind of someone they care about, again, it can work like saying something to trigger guilt. If you think someone's about to cruciate you, look as YOUNG as you can. Unless we're talking about Carrow. (Or Mulciber. Also Bill I think looking really young probably works better for people who are thirteen than it would for you.)

Alright. So. The final thing is how it changes you.

If you're doing something that makes you feel bad and ugly, there are three ways to deal with it, basically.

1. You can change what you're doing.
2. You can acknowledge that you're doing something wrong, and keep doing it (because you have to survive, say)
3. You can change how you think so that you start thinking what you're doing is right.

So, if you cruciate people regularly, you can become the sort of person who thinks it's just fine, and you can become the sort of person who enjoys it, because the first two options are just too hard.

Terry. Here is the thing.

You can't do #1. Not all the time, anyway, because Carrow would kill you. And #3 is the path to becoming Carrow. You have to stay with #2, but you also have to try not to feel too guilty. Because you didn't burn that man's picture because you wanted to. You burned it because Carrow would have beaten you and maybe killed you if you'd refused and then he would have burned it anyway.

...anyway

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 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-29 20:55:15](#)  
(no subject)

So now you've read all that, you're probably wondering if I've ever cast it, since I'm apparently so expert, and no, I haven't. I've cast Imperius and I've cast the killing curse (on animals) but I haven't ever cast cruciatus and honestly I haven't ever really tried, although I faked trying a few times in Alecto Carrow's class.

From what I've seen if you're really angry it's not hard to at least get a flicker of it, like to cast it for a second. Holding it is harder. When Lana Sandoval cruciated me, the first time she cast it it stopped a second after I screamed. I think I startled her. Carrow took the mickey and then told her to try again and this time she held it. It was -- I don't even know how long she held it on me. Even if I'd had a clock, I don't think I could have -- well. It was awful and afterward I couldn't walk right. And I was still afraid of the hospital wing then and terrified out of my mind of Madam Pomfrey so instead of going there for the potion I just went back to Slytherin.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-29 21:19:24](#)  
(no subject)

I'm more grateful than you can believe that you took the trouble to copy this out for me. I think it is going to be helpful. I've never taken Dark Arts; they didn't have it in the curriculum at Hogwarts while I was there, you see, so I didn't know any of this stuff about the underlying theory.

I'm going to Moddey Dhoo tonight to speak with Alice and Frank and Kingsley, because I need to figure out to negotiate my way through this ethical maze. I'd like to read over what you've said and think about it and then talk with them, and I may write back with questions, all right?

Also, given what you've told me here, I think it might be helpful for me to speak with Terry. Would it be all right for me to do so, do you think? He told you this in confidence, I imagine, and I don't want to trespass upon that.

But it sounds as though he was in the position I'm finding myself in, and speaking with him might be very valuable. Perhaps you might ask him if it's all right? And then I can speak with him tonight.




 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-29 21:34:42](#)  
(no subject)

I asked Terry and he says it's fine.

And if you have more questions that's also fine.



 [alt\\_bill](#) at [2013-06-29 23:12:57](#)  
(no subject)

Thanks. I'll speak with him tonight.



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-29 21:35:37](#)  
(no subject)

If you want to be able to cast it you'll be able to learn.

I don't know whether you SHOULD learn to cast it.  
~~I mean, if you have a choice~~



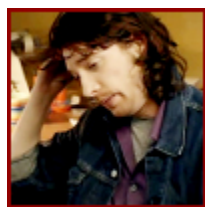
 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-06-30 14:16:12](#)  
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Ron and I were talking last night (in the journals)

and something I just wanted to point out is that Ron reread this essay too and noticed there are loads of reasons why people could just keep failing at cruciatus. This isn't quite like it was with Terry -- Terry couldn't very well fail to use a knife on another prisoner if that's what Carrow demanded. He could refuse or he could do it but he couldn't try and have it not work.

Maybe instead of learning to cast cruciatus you should learn to try to cast it and have it not work. Will Mulciber keep cruciating you,

if you're trying? Would that be worth it to you, not to cast it yourself?

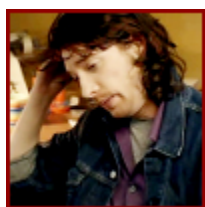



 **alt\_bill at 2013-06-30 17:02:16**  
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I would be willing to suffer cruciatus repeatedly if I never had to cast it on another person.

But unfortunately, that's isn't one of my choices.

Casting the cardinal curses is a condition of my employment. That was made clear during the interview when he told me that I had to get a Curse registration licence to even be considered for the position. If I can't (or won't) cast it, I have not the smallest doubt that he will sack me, probably within the week. He seems vindictive enough to prevent me from getting any other position in the Ministry anywhere under his jurisdiction. I could lose all my sources of information, which would be a huge blow to the Order.



 **alt\_bill at 2013-06-30 18:58:48**  
(no subject)

Mind you, I'm still going to do everything I can to stall and avoid using them. I'll act incompetent as long as I can possibly get away with it. And maybe after throwing that huge fright into the department last Friday with what he did to me and Deverill, he maybe will think he's made his point and will refrain from tactics like that. For awhile.

I spent a long time discussing what you call option 2 with the people at Moddey Dhoo. Kingsley and Frank talked about what they call 'ethical flowcharts' in the Auror training they underwent, learning to see the sometimes split-second decisions necessary to be made in terms of either/or, with the goal of causing the least amount of harm possible for the greatest amount of gain.

Speaking with Fu Lee was surprisingly helpful, too. The man's an expert at military tactics and strategy, as well as knowledgeable about some Eastern disciplines that might help. He told me about an Eastern martial art called judo, where you

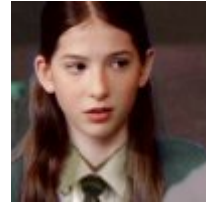
use an opponent's weight (usually a tactical advantage in a fight) against them. This dovetailed with what Terry talked to me about: using distraction and subterfuge outsmart your enemy, in order to avoid doing what you don't want to do. An example: Mulciber sent me a message telling me his chair was uncomfortable and ordering me to swap chairs. So I put a hex on my own chair so that it leans to the side if anyone but me sits in it, and I offered him a chair from one of the spare offices. That satisfied him, and I was able to keep my own chair.

In other words, I'll end up doing what I hate a lot less if I can manage to outwit him.

Another reason I don't want to quit is that I want to protect both my coworkers and the people over whom this department has jurisdiction. (He's already asked why we bother feeding parasites like squibs, for example.) If I can get him to like me and trust me, there's a hope I can buffer his worst tendencies.

**2013-06-29 16:27:00**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private message to Terry*



Terry, when I wrote to Bill today I told him some of the things you'd said about Carrow, on the lock. I didn't even really think about it being a violation of your privacy, it was just so clear to me that Mulciber was doing to Bill exactly what Carrow had done to you, when he made you burn pictures and when he made you hurt Dudley and all the rest. And I wanted to show him the essay I wrote about cruciatus, because I thought he might find some of it useful.

 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)

Anyway I think he wants to talk to you when he comes to Moddey. To get your advice. Will that be okay?



 [alt\\_terry](#) at **2013-06-29 21:33:19**

*(no subject)*

It's fine. And I'd be happy to talk to him. Anything to help.

**[2013-06-29 22:38:00](#)**

*Order Only: Private message to Molly Weasley*



 **[alt\\_kingsley](#)**

Molly, just a word to tell you that Bill is well tonight, back on his feet, really. He got here at 3:00 this afternoon after working with Sirius and Remus this morning. Alice and Frank and I have been talking with him, and he's had some words with Terry, too. And a long conversation with Fu for some reason.

Molly, I want you to know that we seriously discussed the idea that he resign rather than face what he's facing with Mulciber. We considered it from every angle that we could think of, and he has decided he is going to stick it out.

I thought you should know before seeing him tomorrow, in case you were hoping that he wouldn't. Really, this has been very thoroughly discussed and his mind is made up. Now he's turning his attention to what he needs to cope with the task ahead.

It wouldn't be kind to try to argue him out of it now.



 **[alt\\_molly](#)** at **[2013-06-30 03:59:39](#)**  
(no subject)

Oh, dear.

I will admit, I did cherish a small hope. But oh no, because Arthur had the raising of him, the dear man, and Bill wouldn't be Arthur's son if he walked away now. Because it truly is a golden opportunity for the Order. Of all the rotten luck!

It just breaks my heart. If only I could help him somehow.



 **[alt\\_kingsley](#)** at **[2013-06-30 04:01:22](#)**  
(no subject)

There is a way you can help him, actually.





 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-30 04:02:02](#)  
(no subject)

Oh? What's that, Kingsley?



 [alt\\_kingsley](#) at [2013-06-30 04:20:36](#)  
(no subject)

Molly, I'll be blunt: he's perfectly well aware that if he stays working under Mulciber, he's probably going to be forced to do some ugly things, including casting the Cardinals. The


Unforgiveables.

He's worried about his family's reaction to all this. Yours, specifically. Can you support him, and keep your fears to yourself? I don't doubt in the least that you will have them, particularly if Mulciber forces him to dabble in enough dark magic that he reacts with some of the same instability he had last December. Between coping with a temperamental boss and summoning up the mental discipline he'll need to get through this, he can't be burdened with your worries right now. So you will have to discuss them with Charlie or Alice or me instead.

You're also going to need to show him that you have faith that there's still something worthwhile in him, no matter what he finds himself forced to do. Because if he thinks the people he loves are looking at him with nothing but despair, he'll end up losing himself.

Can you do that for Bill, Molly?



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-06-30 04:38:00](#)  
(no subject)

Kingsley, my goodness. You rather take my breath away.

The fact is, Arthur used to soothe my fears for me. And I loved him for it.

But now that he's gone, I'm simply going to have to learn to

soothe them myself. And yes, you're right, not burden Bill with them.

I'll do it. Anyway, I'll do my best.



 **alt\_kingsley** at **2013-06-30 04:38:49**  
*(no subject)*

Good. That's all we're asking of Bill.

That's all we can ask of any of us.

**2013-06-29 23:33:00**

*Private Message to Barty and Tosha*

Been meaning to tell you both: believe Thursday went well. Cadmus seemed to understand the concerns and agreed his brother *can* be impulsive. He had a number of disparaging remarks regarding the way Corax has behaved this week. 'An erumpent with an extra horn exploding' was how he put it.



 **alt\_lucius**

Discussed the many times Corax made himself a nuisance in school - and Cadmus himself related a few anecdotes from the year following their brother Julius' death, when he and Corax nearly came to wandspoint over disagreements regarding the estate.

We ended with his assurance that he can influence Corax to see reason.

Now, regarding the activities in DoM - Augustus claims the apparatus remains dismantled. However, during our brief conversation he attempted to converse with me in Czech and at least once called me Abraxas. Furthermore he was not aware that Croaker and Morlock have applied for another influx of funds.

It does not seem possible for one who specialised in memory magics to be losing his faculties so rapidly but then, Gus is nearly, what? nearly ninety?

The best of us do deteriorate, unfortunately. Worst is that there is no one we may trust to replace him at present. Unless either of you have a thought on the matter.



 **alt\_crouch\_jr** at **2013-06-30 06:19:38**  
(no subject)

Czech? That's not something he used to layer code, is it?

Could ask Bella to have a word and more with R. See what she can make of what he knows. It might be useless, though. No telling what dementia looks like to a legilimens.

As for alternatives. We could try Imperiusing one of the others. If we

could get hands on one for long enough without anyone the wiser. Bode might be the most accessible. Comes to meetings in MLE on occasion.



 **[alt\\_antonin](#)** at **[2013-06-30 10:57:41](#)**  
(no subject)

I'd be tempted to look for a Healer who can be trusted in his or her discretion, as well; age is one thing, and it's difficult to know whether Gus's research has caused him to be exposed to something that might hasten the decline, but likewise (and given the nest of vipers Mysteries can be at the best of times) I would rest easier if someone had checked him for poisons and curses. Ninety is rather young.

As to the rest, keeping Bode under for extended lengths might be difficult -- I seem to recall that researchers are regularly checked for outside influences -- but likewise, I do not trust that lot unsupervised. Regular interrogations with Veritaserum and Obliviation afterwards might suit to begin with.

I agree that we do need to keep a closer eye. I wonder if I could talk my way into a temporary welcome? I'm certain I could come up with some research that would need their resources.



 **[alt\\_crouch\\_jr](#)** at **[2013-06-30 13:38:37](#)**  
(no subject)

True. A Healer is an excellent thought. Fletcher, perhaps. Or did you have someone else in mind?

As for your being welcomed into Mysteries: recent experience suggests some at least of them respond to generous offers of underwriting. Expect they'd be more inclined to indulge a research request if it were accompanied by sacks of gold for pet projects they've long wished to pursue.




 **[alt\\_antonin](#)** at **[2013-06-30 13:49:17](#)**  
(no subject)

Fletcher would do, I suppose. I found him tolerable enough, at least.

And hmm, you have a point; gold is indeed the universal solvent. I'll make some discreet inquiries to see if anyone's willing to bite.



 **[alt\\_lucius](#)** at **[2013-06-30 18:52:51](#)**  
(no subject)

Fletcher at least has the advantage of being well-known to us - and indeed, to Augustus himself. I've contacted him and he's expecting Gus to call on him. I'm next at the Ministry on Tuesday and

can convince him then.

As for controlling Mysteries through an Imperius-puppet, think you can agree that it's an immense risk. As you mention, Tosha, they are inspected regularly; besides that, the department itself has protections and protocols that might impede the effects of the spell while they work. Think you're correct, Tosha, that instituting a process to interrogate and Obliviate may be necessary. Barty, will you have a word with Mafalda or simply use Aurors we trust?

Toshenka, shall have Weasley send you a list of the current roster of Unspeakables with independent projects - and those who are in danger of losing sponsorship.

**2013-06-30 19:12:00**

*Is anyone else going to*

be a counsellor for New London again?

I got an owl yesterday asking me to do it.

I still haven't heard about continuing CCF. Has anyone else?



 [alt\\_padma](#)

And I hope everyone's selected their N.E.W.T.-level courses. I've been talking to some of Ravenclaw Corner about the textbooks and I think I'm going to spend my New London free time going to the bookshops to get ahead on the reading, assuming the books haven't been changed. But then there are a load of books I'd like time to read just for pleasure, too, and I don't know if I'll have time.

It's really summer, now. I hope you're all having a nift holiday.

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 [alt\\_seamus](#) at **2013-07-01 02:56:59**

*Private message to Padma*

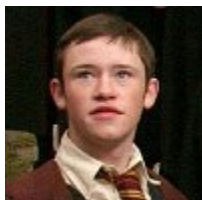
So are you going to? Be a counsellor, I mean. Maybe you should tell them you'll only do it if you get to go with the good group, they put you with the losers last year.



 [alt\\_padma](#) at **2013-07-01 03:01:27**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

I know. I think maybe now that I came in first in the O.W.L. results--and Professor Siz isn't in charge anymore--it'll be back to normal. You know she always played favourites.




 [alt\\_seamus](#) at **2013-07-01 03:09:27**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

Yeah, she was not exactly subtle about it.

Shouldn't they be recruiting some new students to supervise those trips, anyway?



 **[alt\\_padma](#) at [2013-07-01 03:16:53](#)**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

Oh, I'm sure they are but there's always a couple older students, too.

Well, I think I'll do it, anyway. I don't want someone saying I wasn't a team player, after all.

What are you going to do with your summer? Loads of tutors?



 **[alt\\_seamus](#) at [2013-07-01 03:22:56](#)**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

Arithmancy and Dark Noble Arts. I might get to fly occasionally if I've been working hard.

I can have you over anytime, at least, so I hope you'd like to come over a lot.



 **[alt\\_padma](#) at [2013-07-01 03:28:36](#)**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

I'll probably come over as much as possible.

Pav's going to start working with Mum right away. And the Aunts are still trying to match her up with a suitable husband.

So the less I'm around all that, the better.



 **[alt\\_seamus](#) at [2013-07-01 03:36:03](#)**


*Re: Private message to Padma*

We have a lovely guest suite if you want to bring your tooth brush!

Your parents might get entirely the wrong idea about that, though.

What does Parvati think about getting married?



 **[alt\\_padma](#) at 2013-07-01 03:46:13**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

She's against it, of course! But Mum says she should've thought of that before she took her O.W.L.s.

Anyway, I don't mind if they get the wrong idea. It's probably better that way, in some ways.

At least you won't mind if I go and spend time with Zabini now and then!



 **[alt\\_seamus](#) at 2013-07-01 03:47:34**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

So is he an actual boyfriend or just someone you're snogging?



 **[alt\\_padma](#) at 2013-07-01 14:57:33**

*Re: Private message to Padma*

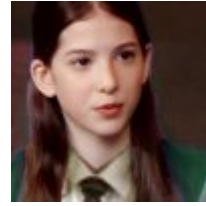
We do more than just snog. But I don't think he's really what I'd call 'boyfriend' material.

How about Remy, are you considering him a boyfriend at present?



**2013-06-30 21:57:00**

*Private message to Mrs Weasley and Pansy Parkinson*



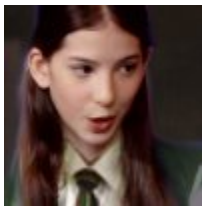
Thank you so very much for having us over to supper tonight.

 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#)

I had a lovely time.

Please tell Ginny for me that I really have MOSTLY enjoyed CCF. It was only the year Madam Umbridge was running things that it was really miserable. It's hard to know what it'll be like going forward, of course.

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 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at **2013-07-01 03:07:26**

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING.

I think those Weasley family suppers are awkward when Percy comes even when we AREN'T there.

Do you think we need to set Percy straight? I mean you probably don't really want him telling Mr Malfoy you're dating Ron.



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at **2013-07-01 04:49:43**


*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

Hm. I think the rest of them will do that well enough.

Although if they're depending on Fred and George to set him straight, we might need to convince him that it's not all one enormous joke they're playing on him.

I'll write him about St James tomorrow and see what he says.



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-07-01 03:15:42](#)  
(no subject)

It was a genuine pleasure to have you both join us. Ginny and I certainly appreciated the feminine company; how nice not be so badly outnumbered by the boys for once!

(Forgive me, but I do have to say I'm dreadfully sorry about the awkwardness caused by Percy's mistaken assumptions. I'm afraid that a large and boisterous family like ours often provides plenty of opportunity for embarrassment. You were both very tactful about it, and I think that Ron was grateful for that. Thank you.)



 [alt\\_sally\\_anne](#) at [2013-07-01 03:18:37](#)  
(no subject)

Please don't worry about Percy. It was funny, a little awkward but mostly just funny. I wonder when he'll work out he has the wrong end of the stick?



 [alt\\_molly](#) at [2013-07-01 03:23:49](#)  
(no subject)

To be frank, I think that Fred and George will very quickly set him straight, if only to tease him about it. Well, in this case, I must admit I do think it's a little deserved. Anyone who hopes to rise in political circles shouldn't make mistakes like that!



 [alt\\_pansy](#) at [2013-07-01 04:54:00](#)  
(no subject)

Thank you for inviting me, Mrs Weasley. It's always such a pleasure to visit the Burrow. Dinner was lovely, and don't worry about Percy. After all, he's been away from Hogwarts for a year now, so it's understandable he'd need a bit of catching up!

**[2013-06-30 22:33:00](#)**

*Private message to Ronald Weasley*

Just a private note to let you know that Fred and George spent an absurd amount of time after our guests left trying to convince me that you're dating Sally-Anne Perks rather than Pansy Parkinson.




 [alt\\_percy](#)

They won't listen to me but perhaps they'll listen to you if you ask them to desist. I'm afraid they might try to carry the joke on with other of your friends in your circle, and that's the sort of thing that might hurt Pansy's feelings a great deal.

I quite like her, Ron. It was altogether pleasant dinner, wasn't it?

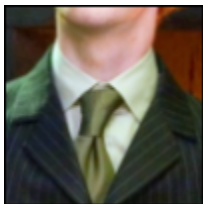
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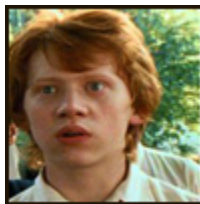
Very funny.


You can't possibly be that thick.



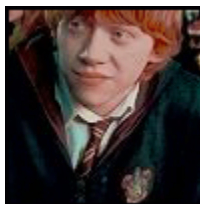
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You mean it's true?



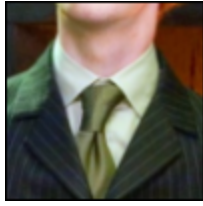
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Which? That you're thick? Or that the twins are right?



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-07-01 04:05:04](#)  
(no subject)

(Both.)



 [alt\\_percy](#) at [2013-07-01 04:08:10](#)  
(no subject)

I thought--

Merlin. And at dinner, I said--

Oh, Ron. I must have mortified them both. And you, too. I'm sorry.




 [alt\\_percy](#) at [2013-07-01 04:12:00](#)  
(no subject)

Wait a minute...

Now Fred's just told me what happened to Bill on Friday. Did you know about this?!

Look, Ron, I'm sorry, and I'll give you a chance to beat me about my ears for being thick. But right now I'm going to go speak to Bill.



 [alt\\_ron](#) at [2013-07-01 04:17:28](#)  
(no subject)

Yeah. You do that.

**2013-06-30 22:54:00**

*Private Message to Antonin Dolohov*



**Thank you again for your offer.**

**After careful consideration, I have decided to tentatively accept your job offer in late summer. I ought to be entirely capable of the majority of clerking duties by that time. We discussed my concerns about my stamina and the physical act of writing (or having to rely on dictation quills with their imprecision), though I have high hopes for improvements in both areas over the next several months.**

 [alt\\_cedric](#)

**I appreciate that you ~~conz~~ considered me for this position given the various issues with my circumstances. Easy access over the next year to Hogwarts staff and resources will be a ~~truly wizard~~ an extremely beneficial perk while I am revising again for my NEWTs.**

**As we discussed, this is all dependant upon my health continuing to improve and being cleared for ~~ett~~ office work by the various healers overseeing my care.**

**I look forward to working for you ~~zøem~~ soon.**

**Yours in service,  
Cedric Diggory**